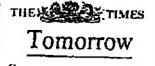
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of David How will the crisis in Lebanon affect Israel's foreign policy? Christopher Walker analyses the reaction in Jerusalem.

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How swimming pools have caught up with the leisure boom.

### Miners call for blockade of imports

Miners' leaders are to ask five transport unions to impose a blockade of coal imports. in an attempt to intensify the 14-week pit overtime ban. A conference of unions representing the train drivers, railwaymen, seamen, steelworkers and transport and general workers will organize the ban Page 2

### MP resigns from committee

Mr John Gorst, Conservative MP for Hendon North, has resigned as unofficial leader of the Tory MPs on the Commons committee investigating the GCHQ ban on union membership after complaining about excessive pressure from the

### Space docking

The Soviet spacecraft Soyuz T10 docked with the orbiting Salyut Station 7. Approach stages were controlled automatically, while docking was done by the Soyuz crew.
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### 'Resign' call

Mr Enoch Powell called for the resignation of Mr James Prior. the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, over the report into the Maze prison break-out Parliament, page 4

### TV-am warning

The commercial television network will be without a breakfast station for up to a year in the event of TV-am collaps-



### Maxwell rival

A consortium of Manchester businessmen has put in a rival bid against Robert Maxwell for Manchester United, saying they would set up a trust

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# British civilians to leave Beirut as chaos grows

British residents in west Beirut have been told to go to the embassy along the coast to be evacuated by helicopter

6 In the Commons, Mrs Thatcher defended the decision to withdraw the troops before rescuing British subjects

America last night resumed its massive naval bombardment of Druze artillery positions in the mountains east of Beirut

Muslim rathings and Christian directed at the same targets.

Phalangists intensified along the front line in Reises and Christian. front line in Beirut yesterday, front line in Beirut yesterday, sector came under sustained more than 150 British residents artillery fire all day from Druze in the western sector of the city were told to gather outside their embassy on the Mediterranean coastline today. They are to be evacuated by helicopter, either bombarded the Druze in the

Christian-held port of Jounieh. meanwhile, made several appeals for oxygen to be brought and Chouf on Wednesday by across the front line to hospitals in West Beirut, and announced Jersey, saying that two entire that it was trying to rescue 2,000 Druze villages had been wiped Lebanese civilians who have out by the half-ton shells, been trapped - half of them for Plans for a British evac a week in cellars - in the battlefield in the centre of the

to a British ship or north to the

After dark last night the Americans resumed their massive naval barrage against the Druze-held mountains east of Beirut. Firing after the Christian sector of Beirut had itself come under bombardment, the des-troyer Moosbrugger began shooting at what the Americans described as artillery positions

• Rockets were yesterday fired from Lebanon into Galilee for only the second time since the Israeli invasion in June, 1982 (Page 8)

Syria wants Britain and Europe to launch a peace initiative in the Middle East without American involvement (Page 8) Security Council members met privately last night to consider whether UN peacekeepers could replace the multinational force in Beirut (Page8)

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

guns in the mountains while Phalangist militias and Chris-tian units of the Lebanese Army

Metn and Choul, Mr Walid Jumblatt, the The International Red Cross, terly about the 10-hour American bombardment of the Metn the Sixth Fleet battleship New

> Plans for a British evacuation had earlier been delayed by rough seas that forced the Greek ferry boat Sol Georgos, which was to have taken evacuces to Cyprus, to anchor off Jouniel overnight.

The 150 Britons, only a been told to bring only one suitcase with them to the seafront Corniche. A telex message from the Embassy, in the hills with five-inch shells, which still has no telephone while gunfire from Phalangist lines, added bluntly: "No pets artillery and Christian units of or weapons will be permitted."

The Red Cross said yesterday evening that, with wounded still being brought into hospitals in West Beirut, only seven oxygen cansters now remained for doctors to use, all of them at the American University Hospital. It had so far been impossible to arrange a truce to bring more oxygen from East Beirut.

A Red Cross official said that in the area of Galerie Seeman a thousand local residents had been hiding in cellars since the battles began there on Thursday last week, and a further thousand people were unable to leave a triangle of territory in the centre of the city west of the museum, as shells had been falling into and around their homes for four days.

Their was little enough hope from either President Gemayel or his opponents yesterday that the fighting would slacken. Mr Jumblatt said in Damascus that fraction of the thousand or so the fighting would continue until Mr Gemayel resigned, and he warned that "US interests" in Lebanon (an expression he did not define) would be in danger if the Sixth Fleet bombardment of the Druzeheld mountains continued.

## Reagan loses credibility over withdrawal of Marines

came clear that there was no

clear timetable for redeploy-

ment to warships off the

Lebanese coast. One senior

Congressman suggested after receiving a high-level briefing that the pullout of all 1.600

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

hardment of central Lebanon and areas east of Beirut. yesterday lost critical political ground amid decpening confusion about the US military role and the timescale for withdrawing American Marships offshore.

French and Italian governrepresentatives Washington last night made no secret of their disenchantment with Mr Reagan's handling of the pull-back announcement. "We could not keep up with what was going on, there were no consulations", a senior French embassy official said. That is probably why (our troops) are still there."

Meanwhile Casper Weinberger, the Defence Secretary told a Congressional hearing that the US shelling of Syrian Positions in Lebanon was to support the Lebanese army and to show that the marine pullback did not mean a weakened US commit-

He Maintained the Lebanese Army had not fallen apart. Reports that the army has disintegrated are not only premature but quite wrong," he

President Reagan, still refus- Mr Weinberger was one of troops tright take four months, ing to break his holiday during a the first senior administration. Mr Weinberger still has not second day of American bom- officials to testify publicly to presented the President with a Congress on President Reagan's sspecific pullout programme. surprise announcement on

Mr Tip O'Neill, Speaker of Tuesday that the 1,600 Marines the Democrat-controlled House in the international peace-keep-Representatives, echoed ing force in Belrut would be pulled back in stages to US widespread Congressional seentiment by demanding a fast and complete withdrawal. "I would not be dragging my feet if I were you" he told Mr Weinberger Domestically the signs of relief from Republicans and Democrats over the withdrawal dissipated yesterday as it be-

The White House confirmed that the battleship New Jersey was again in action off Lebanor yesterday and that there had been more firing in the area of the US Embassy in East Beirut. President Reagan, according to the White House, was riding horses, chopping wood and clearing brush at his California

He received a cabled report from Mr Donald Runsfeld, his Middle East envoy, on the outcome of earlier talks with President Amin Gemayel of Lebanon. Mr Reagan also had telephone consultations with Vice-President George Bush during the afternoon but has steadfastly kept out of the public eve.

Few congressmen expected the American bombardment of Lebanon to be so relentless

### President Reagan: Riding horses, chopping wood.

### Cut likely to be short-lived Petrol price falls 4p a gallon

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Esso. Britain's largest petrol company, is cutting the price of four-star petrol by 31/2p a gallon from today. With the reduction in VAT, pump prices at Eso's 3,400 filling stations will drop by 4p to 179.6p.

The other leading petrol companies, Shell, BP, Texaco and Mobil, are likely to follow with similar price cuts by the weekend

Esso, which has a 19 per cent share of the market, has led the price cutting at a time of high stocks and falling demand. Prices of crude oil have

By Staff Reporters

Six members of a gambling

syndicate from Tewkesbury,

Gloucestershire, were cele-

brating with champagne last

night after winning a £750,000

ticket in the raffle for Middle-

ton Park, a 30-room stately

home set in almost 380 acres of

co Westmeath countryside 50

The ticket was one of 9,000

sold world-wide by a Northern

lreland professional gambler

and racing enthusiast, Mr

miles from Dablin.

Irish mansion in a raffle. The six, five men and a woman, held the winning £175

weeks and stocks have built up. However, the period of cheaper petrol will be short. The industry expects tax-changes in

the Budget to add as much as 8p a gailon to four-star. Officials in the big four petrol companies have been predicting since the autumn that petrol prices would have to fall to below 180p a gallon this winter

to stimulate demand. Local price cutting has taken place as higher profit margins most petrol stations make about 7p on a gallon - have given the prices in the EEC.

The six members of the

winning syndicate were per-

suaded to contribute to the cost

of two £175 tickets by Mr Tony

Ray of Bungalow Farm, Fid-

dington, Tewkesbury, who owns two businesses dealing in

news. I saw the competition

advertised in a farming paper

and mentioned it to the others

who. I know, are not adverse to

the odd bet now and again", Mr Ray, aged 40 said.

thought we had a reasonable

chance of winning, but when

the call came through my first

thought was that it must be a

Because of the odds we

"It's an incredible piece of

agricultural supplies.

remained steady over the past companies room to stimulate

Esso had decided to embark on a national price cut rather than support retailers in areas where competition from the smaller independent oil comnanies has led to price reductions.

Other companies have been offering extra services like lateopening grocery outlets.

The likelihood of price rises in the Budget comes after oil company figures which show that apart from West Germany, Britain has the lowest petrol

Walter Malcolm, aged 62, and

Mr Hugh Smiley, aged 65 - work for Mr Ray. A fifth, Mr

Bill Rammage, aged 60, is a

Mr Ray said: "Whatever we

decide to do with it, it will be

business as normal in the

future. We may sell it, we may run it. We shall have to decide

once everybody has got over the

initial shock. However, we

work as a team and I am sure

an agreement will be reached

which will be acceptable to us

a prospectus of the mansion,

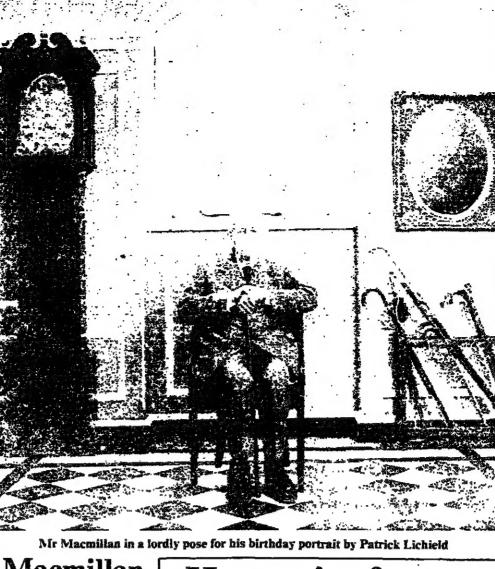
but Mr Ray is hoping to go to the Irish Republic within the

The six have so far seen only

English gamblers win Irish mansion raffle Mr Curley may face prosecution after a raid on Middleton Park by police investigating the lagality of the draw. Organizers of a lottery in the Irish Republic cannot get a permit if it is held for their

> However, Mr Curley says that his draw is legal because every subscriber automatically became a member of a local gaelic athletic association, to which he is giving a share of

Middleton Park was once owned by the Boyd Rochford family, trainers of the Queen's



### Macmillan gets 90th birthday earldom

By Julian Haviland and Alan Hamilton

Mr Harold Macmillan has been granted an earldom to mark his nineticth birthday today. He is the first earl to have been created for 21 years.

It is also just over 21 years since he resigned and declined the earldom traditionally of-fered to former Prime Ministers in those days.

He told his friends he preferred to remain "plain Mr Macmillan", as he had always

The Buckingham Palace announcement at midnight said: "The Oueen had been graciously pleased to approve that the dignity of an Earldom of the United Kingdom be conferred upon the Right Honourable Maurice Harold

Macmillan, OM. Nothing was known last night about the titles he will take but his beir, Mr Maurice Macmillan, will become the honorary bearer of his secondary title, a viscountcy.

There remain only two former Prime Ministers who are still plain mister - Edward Heath and James Callaghan. Mr Macmillan is celebrating tonight with a private dinner party at Birch Grove, his Sussex home, for his family of three living children, 15 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren, and with a lunch party tomorrow for friends, including the three other living Conservative Prime Ministers, Lord Home of the Hirsel, Mr Edward Heath and

Mrs Margaret Thatcher. Oxford University has invited him as Chancellor to a private dinner party in the grand hall of his own old college, Balloil, next week.

Mr Macmillan, grandson the Scotsman from the Isle of Arran who founded the family publishing house, was born in London in 1894, when Queen Victoria was still three years from her diamond jubilee, and less than a month before Gladstone's retirement from his fourth and final tenure of

He is within reach of record for prime ministerial longevity - he has already outlived Gladstone by two years and only Churchill has

claimed a longer span.
His birthday celebrations,
however, will not include a display of his style as a public speaker. His eyesight no longer permits him to read, and he has only to rely entirely on talking books for the blind.

## Hopes rise for tax cuts in Budget

ciscwhere.

By Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chaning Scheme, have been over
cellor, is likely to have considerbudgetted and the Government ably more room in his Budget next month to cut taxes or reduce public borrowing than has so far been suggested.

The public spending White Paper, to be published next Thursday, will show spending running only fractionally ahead of plans this year after earlier fears of a substantial overshoot.

The White Paper estimates that state spending in 1983-84 will total £120.3 billion, only £700m more than forecast last March. Last autumn spending billion to £3 billion over target, and the Treasury raised its estimate of public borrowing from £8 billion to £10 billion.

The . lower-than-expected spending overrun, coupled with more buoyant tax revenues than predicted, suggests the revised figure will prove too high. The Treasury now believes

that the spending spree by government departments which began last spring has run its course. The £500m cut in departmental budgets announced in July has begun to bite and officials are clearly confident that there will be no repetition of the end-of-year surge in spending which took them by surprise last year.

In addition, some programmes like the Youth Train-

The White Paper will also include a new presentation of capital spending by the public sector, designed to deflect criticism that investment has borne a disproportionate share of spending cuts.

It will show that public investment has remained roughly constant in real, inflationadjusted terms over the past

has sold extra assets and drawn

down most of the contingency

reserve to cover overshoots

rise by about 5 per cent in cash terms in 1984-85 to £126.4

billion, increasing to about £137 billion in 1986-87, the last year

adjusting for inflation spending

This suggests that the Govern-

ultimate goal of price stablility.

Lawson could afford significent

to reduce borrowing further, for

example, to take some account

of sales of public assets.

The latest figures suggest Mr

of the published projections. The plans assume that after

Public spending is planned to

## 'may bid for Scott Lithgow?

By Staff Reporters

The Prime Minister assured anxious Opposition MPs yesterday that the conditional agree-ment for the sale of the Scott Lithgow shipward by British Shipbuilders to Trafalgar House did not preclude other com-panies from making the pur-chase. But she said that time was short and she deplored the "apparent rejection" by the trade unions of a chance to retain 1,000 to 2,000 jobs on the Clyde. Yesterday the entire day shift of 2,000 workers at Scott Lithgow walked out in protest.

Labour and Liberal spokesmen in the Commons showed themselves deeply uneasy that British Shipbuilders might be on the point of concluding a deal with a purchaser which was not the best guarantor of future employment and not likely to offer the most favourable terms.

Mr Norman Godman. Labour MP for Greeneck and Port Glasgow, said last night that he intended to question ministers on the proposed sale to Trafalgar House.

He is to ask Scottish Office ministers to ensure that any contract for sale of the yard scheduled for the end of the month - take fully into account the high freehold value, put at scores of millions of pounds, et the land around the site.

He is also to ask Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State 1.: Trade and Industry, whether he will ensure that British Shipbuilders judgment of the suitability of Trafalgar House a-buyer of the yard is not influenced by any penalties for which it may be liable as a result of delay in the building of a replacement vessel for the Atlantic Conveyor at the Swan

Hunter yard on the Tyne. Trafalgar House issued last night a firm rebuttal of suggestions that the conditional deal with British Shipbutders had been rushed through in secret and that the firm might strip the assets from Scott Lithgow once it had acquired the business.

will remain broadly unchanged. Scott Lithgow's assets have a ment is working on the basis of book value of between £17m and £18m, but British Ship falling to 4.5 per cent in 1985-86 builders estimates their real and 3.5 per cent in 1986-87, in line with the Chancellor's value to be much less, probably between £2.5m and £5m. As well as the rig building yard, the company owns about three and a half miles of lower Clyde tax cuts within his public borrowing target of £8 billion for 1984-85, or use the savings waterfront land.

Trafalgar House said: "We do not plan to sell off the land at this stage". But the company "cooperate" if another company emerged to take over Scott Lithgow's submarine work for the Ministry of Defence.

It is also possible that some of the land may be made available if an essential supplier to the yard was sort of space and able to employ surplus labour. "But we are taking over

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### **Priority for** personal tax relief

By Philip Webster Political Reporter

The Cabinet appeared to have reached agreement yester-day that priority should be given in Mr Nigel Lawson's first Budget to personal rather than company tax reliefs.

At their customary pre-Budget discussion, lasting about 90 minutes, ministers seemed to have achieved a remarkable degree of consensus over the measures which they believe the Chancellor of the Exchequer should bring forward on March

While the possibility of a small tax increase, threatened by Mr Lawson in the autumn, has clearly been removed, so too has the likelihood of cuts in income tax.

Ministers who have argued against the Government setting out on a campaign of tax-cutting early in the life of its second term clearly believe that they have won the argument But there was agreement that Mr Lawon should concentrate on raising tax thresholds to increase incentives and help workers who might otherwise be caught in the poverty trap.

Mr Lawson, who confirmed in the Commons yesterday afternoon that he is to go ahead and publish a Green Paper on public expenditure and taxation prospects into the 1990s, had earlier presented the Cabinet with an optimistic forecast of prospects for output and in-

His forecast that the economy was expected to continue to grow at an annual rate of about 3 per cent over the next 18 months, faster than many other European countries, was apparently one of the factors that persuaded ministers that he





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## Miners to ask transport unions to impose coal imports blockade

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

to tighten up the 14-week overtime ban in the pits by calling on transport unions to lockade on imports of foreign

Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Miners, said after his union executive's meeting in Sheffield yesterday that the overtime ban was having a "quite staggering" effect, with coal stocks at pitheads and power stations being progressively run down.

A conference of five unions the train drivers, railwaymen, seamen, steelworkers and transport and general workers - is to be held in the next 10 days to organize the import ban, which idr Scargill hopes will block the five million tonnes of foreign coal which comes into Britain a

He said that the general secretaries of the five unions had already given their personal support to the blockade and he believed its imposition would bring added pressure on the National Coal Board and the

Coal is brought into Britain either because it is cheaper or because it is of different gradings for mixing in coalburning power stations.

Mr Scargill said that the evertime ban had led to about

The Government yesterday owed to pressure from the

National Farmers' Union and

agreed to release nearly £200m in grants to hill farmers.

since the beginning of the year because of the failure of EEC

ministers to agree on reform of

the common agricultural policy

and on a new agricultural

budget.
Although three quarters of the money comes from the

Exchequer, and only a quarter

from Brussels, the Treasury had

feared that to authorize payment might be illegal under

Miners' leaders have decided seven million-tonnes of lost the country for the dispute to be

for 20 per cent "degradation" of the time being because "we stocks which were unusable because they had been lying too long on the ground 22 molling. long on the ground, 22 million

a similar basis, stocks at power had never stations had fallen from 35 the union million tonnes to 22.5 million He also had never in the past supported

claimed that stocks at pitheads countries. There would be a and power stations were higher strong bias in the new organiza-than at the same time last year. tion of unions with communist

£200m grant to hill farmers

that hill farmers are in a critical

situation, with bills to be paid

About half the money con-sists of so-called hill livestock

compensatory allowances, which are headage payments of £44.50 a cow and either £6.25 or

£4.25 a breeding ewe, and are

intended to supplement far

mers' incomes in areas of poor

grazing. The rest consists

Before Mr Jopling's an-

mainly of capital grants.

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Payment had been held up and little or no income at this

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would make it even more deputy general se effective. He said that there had been calls from several parts of French coal lesses,

But Mr Michael Jopling, nouncement, the crisis was Minister of Agriculture, per-suaded his Cabinet colleagues where farm incomes fell last

stepped up.
That would not happen for

Acceptance of the board's 5.2 long on the ground, 22 million tonnes were being held at pitheads compared with 31 160,000-strong British Associmillion tonnes when the ban started, he said.

Mr Scargill calculated that on similar basis started as the colliery managers.

He also disclosed that he tonnes.

Those figures are at variance president of a new Miners' with statistics issued by the international, bringing together board two days ago, which mining unions from almost 70 The board said that by the end of last month collicries held 23.5 million tonnes and almost 28.8 million tonnes was stockpiled at power stations. It also for the lament of the new body. The secretary is likely to be

piled at power stations. It also said that miners lost £51.3m in wages since the dispute started.

Mr Scargill said that the National Coal Board and the Central Electricity Generating Board could no longer hide the real position because the ban was "far more effective than anyone in this industry ever envisaged".

The secretary is likely to be drawn from the French mining union, which is part of the communist-led Confedération Général du Travail.

Left-wing hopes that Mr Ronaid Todd will be elected general secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union were boosted yesterday when Mr Alex Kitson, present deputy general secretary, deputy

French coal lesses, page 19

year by 30 per cent, compared with 15 per cent in England and

Wales; where bank borrowings are higher than the national

average; and which has suffered

from some of the worst of the

Sir Richard Butler, president of the National Farmers' Union, who on Wednesday led a delegation to the ministry, yesterday welcomed Mr Jop-ling's decision. It would end a

period of damaging uncertainty, he said.

winter weather.



Street politics: Mr Maxwell Payne, the Liberals' by-election candidate and a declared anti-milateralist, discussing the issues with voters in Chesterfield open market (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

"I heard the shells from the

USS New Jersey firing on the eight o'clock news this morning

Common is an American base." Mr Nicholas Bourne, the

he is out on a limb on this as

He said the British troops

had played a role as part of a United Nations initiative, and

for green belts

Ministers yesterday intro- drafts was increased because

### Benn fears Lebanon nuclear war

From Anthony Bevins Political Correspondent Chesterfield Mr Wedgwood Benn said

yesterday he feared American intervention in the Middle East could start a nuclear war

involving Britain.
Mr Benn, Labour candidate
in the Chesterfield by-election. said at a public meeting: "President Reagan is a reckless man. His oath of office makes it impossible for him to consult the British Government before they use cruise missiles, and what I am afraid of is that that the Government had been right to go into Beirut and right

pencekeeping force – and a result of American adventurism in the Middle East may be nuclear war in which we would be involved because Greenham

Mr Nicholas Boarne, the Conservative candidate, who also attended the meeting, was asked about Mr Enoch Powell's criticism that government policy slavishly followed at American line.

He said: "Enoch Powell os often out on a limb and I think

### Reagan gets into a war in a marvellous example of a

Mr Benn pointed out that it was not a UN peacekeeping force "it was an American

He said of Mr Bourae: "It is nice to know that he is in favour of going in and in favour of coming out. That is what a loyal Conservative does when a Prime Minister does a zig-

Zag".

Mr Maxwell Payne, the
Liberal candidate, did not
sitend the meeting but tonight
he will be at a CND rally with

Mr Payne said yesterday he takes a robustly Alliance view of disarmament even though Liberal policy had previously tended to oppose the continu-ation of the independent

## Further safeguard By Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent

The editor of The Observer duced a new draft policy on they appeared just as a consorgreen belts designed to make it tium of the country's largest harder for builders to build in building companies announced unspoited countryside. The that it wanted to build a series new draft replaced one which of new villages in the home has become embroiled in an ncreasingly acrimonious dispute with Lord Shawcross, the ormer Attorney-General and one of the newspaper's direc-tors, over coverage of the Mark Thatcher affair.

met fierce Conservative criticism when it appeared last year.

Mr Neil Macfarlane, a parliamentary under-secretary at the
Department of the Environment, tried yesterday to minimize the differences between
the two versions. "My view is the strategic plans of local engthy investigative article last the two versions. My view is the strategic plans of local that there is no question that councils. They concentrate: conservationists have won or more on the need to find that the builders have won," he building land in inner cities. Mr said.

MacFarlane said they were s But the Council for the meant to provide a balance

Mr Donald Trelford, editor to have been furious at what he saw as an attempt to put political pressure on him. All he would say yesterday was: "Anyone who is attacked by both Lord Shawcross and Paul ohnson in the same week must be getting something right."
But the dispute grew yester-day after Lord Shawcross, who

long letter to Mr Alan complaints.

### Shergar clue Police in the Irish Republic

### **Shawcross** dispute at Observer

Sunday about the business dealings of the Prime Minister's Shawcross that he wrote letters to his fellow directors, and sent a copy to Downing Street, complaining of "mud-raking",

of The Observer, is understood conservance party conference, atom said in a statement that it claimed that the new document was gratifying to see that while represented a victory. "The new properly emphasizing the imvillages will only be able to portance of the green belt the happen, if at all, within local authority structure plans," it the need to reconcile it with the

> is 82 and a supporter of the Social Democratic Party, wrote Rusbridger, who broke the story in *The Guardian* diary earlier this week. The letter was sharply critical of Mr Trelford's editorship and explained in further detail Lord Shawcross's

say they believe that the stolen Derby winner Shergar is buried in Ballinamore, co Leitrim, where Mr Don Tidey was freed

## not replace TV-am for up to year By David Hewson Arts Correspondent The commercial television network will be without a

IBA would

breakfast station for up to a year fTV-am collapses.

As talks on redundancies and economies at the company continued yesterday, the Independent Broadcasting Authority ruled out a stopgap service, possibly involving ITN, to take over the morning slot.

TV-am's immediate future is likely to be decided today, when members of the unions most affected by the call for redundancies vote on the issue. Unless the company can win significant gains in job cuts affecting up to 90 staff, it will not receive a £2m rescue package prepared by key inves-But IBA sources predicted

that the authority would be in no hurry to replace TV-am if the company failed, a possi-bility which alarms the auth-ority. No commercial television company has gone under

The only casualty in the commercial broadcasting net-work was Leicester's Centre Radio, which went into voluntary liquidation in October. The authority advertised for

applications for the Leicester franchise this week, but it is unlikely, in the event of a TV-am collapse, that a similar invitation would be issued for some time. The authority believes that it

has done everything it can to enable TV-am to stand on its own feet. The station had been allowed to defer all equipment rental payments due to the authority since it went on air, had its programme slot ex-tended by 15 minutes, and been given more peak-time advertis

IBA officials say that then are no more "subsidies" available to TV-am under the Broadcasting Act which the authority can implement. The seven other consortis

which were in competition with TV-am for the franchise are no longer active, and there is some doubt over how actively a new licence might be pursued if the BBC were allowed a monopoly of breakfast television for up to

A stopgap service would probably be politically unac-ceptable for the IBA, which wants to defend the strengths of the franchise system. It would, in any case, probably have to in any case, probably have to rely heavily on the services of ITN, "and one of the lessons of TV-am is that people don't want hard news at breakfast",

Mr James Lee, now chief executive of Goldcrest, the independent film and television company, said however that his profitable with TV-am's audience because of lower costs.

### Dr Jones questioned by police for 7 hours

By Michael Horsnell

Dr Robert Jones, whose wife was found murdered in a Suffolk wood last year, was released after nearly seven hours of questioning by police in loswich last night.

Det Chief Supt Eric Shields who is leading the murder inquiry, said after interviewing the doctor that a report would he sent to the Director of Public. Prosecutions.

It was the fifth time since his wife. Diana, aged 35, vanished after the couple had an argument in their local public house. at Cogneshall in Essex that Dr.
Jones, aged 40, had been
questioned by detectives.
Dr Jones refused to comment

as he left the police station at Ipswich. His solicitor, Mr David Church, said: "Dr Jones, during the course of today, has answered questions put to him by the police and he has been released unconditionally."

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While police were questionported by Army bomb disposa; personnel, dug up parts of the garden at Dr Jones' £100,006 farmhouse.

Mrs Jones's body was found'n three months after she disap. peared by beaters on a pheasantshoot in undergrowth at Bright-well in Suffolk, 30 miles from their home. Police launched their murder inquiry with an appeal to men friends of Mrs Jones to come forward.

### Investigation of Aston Villa leads to charges Several men are to bear?

prosecuted after a police invesligation of the financial affairs of Aston Villa Football Club.
West Midlands police confirmed last night that those

mentioned in the summonses include the late Mr Ronald Bendall, former club chairman, and Mr J D Lloyd, the present chairman of Port Vale Football Club. The charges include conspiracy to defaud, obtaining money by deception, and incitement to commit fraud. The prosecutions come in the

wake of more than 16 month's work by the force's commercial

After the police inquiry a file was submitted to the Director of Public Prosecutions. In a statement last night the police said that prosecutions had been directed against several men.

It added: "Mr Terry Runer, of Witton, Birmingham, and Mr Harry Marsden, of Stockport, Cheshire, with their now-liquidated company Sports Ground Consultants, are accused of obtaining money by deception from Aston Villa and with company, said however that his conspiracy to defraud the consortium could have been Football Grounds Improvement Trust". Mr Bendall is mentioned with them.

## Sale room

## Good silver selling well over the estimates

By Hoon Malialien

A sale of good quality silver
at Sotheby's yesterday made
£220,935 with just over 10 per

The estimate was doubtless
based on the price of £6,500
made by a set of four very to have been dictated by the crude criteria of the market in precious metais.

On this occasion the auctioneers appeared to have been unduly cautious in their estimates. A pair of George II table candlesticks by Paul de Lamerie, one of the two most sought after British makers, dated 1748, went to the London dealer Levene at £30,800 (estimate £12,000 to £15,000).

cent bought in and many lots being bid well over estimate. This was reassuring because all too often in the past prices for fine antique works of art seem to be a distant of the past prices for the stricks and for \$38,000 at the past prices for the stricks and for \$38,000 at the past prices for the past p Another lot that doubled its

estimate was an oval Gerrge II soup tureen and cover by Georege Wickes of London, 1741, which went to Garrard at £18,150 (estimate £6,000 to A private bidder paid £8,250

for a matching set of 12 silver dinner plates made in the 1730s and the 1760s (estimate £4,000



Any case of us can be forced into premature retirement by chronic ill-health or sudden disablement. To admit such a personal tragedy often takes courage: Beethoven. proudest of men struck deaf in his 28th year wrote to his brothers-"Ah, how could I possibly admit an infirmity in the one sense which ought to be more perfect in me than

Music-loversi please help the Musicians Benevolent Fund to succour those in the musical profession who may be in need but done not admit it to their colleagues.

Please send a donation, large or small. It will help to maintain cur two homes of residence for elderly and retired musicians and will give comfort to many who long for your support.

Martin Williams, Secretary, Musicians benevolent fund. 16 Ogle Street, London W1P 7LG.

### VAT relief hint for charities

The Government is considering giving charities relief from value-added tax after a fouryear campaign by charities for

After a me Barney Heyhoe, Minister of State at the Treasury, a spokesman for the Charities VAT Reform Group said Mr Heyhoe had invited them to work with Treasury officials on establishing how much the move would cost.

"He indicated that if at all possible we would be given VAT relief in the Budget." a spokesman said. "We are very pleased. It is the first indication that the Treasury is prepared to work with us on this."

The group represents more than 300 charities who estimate that paying VAT costs them between £6m and £10m a year.

### **Britons** lease tax haven

The 24 year lease on the 50 acre island of Jethou, three miles from Guernsey, has been bought by British residents who want to remain anonymous. It was once the home of Compton McKenzie and has been owned since 1971 by Sir Charles Hayward, who died last year. Jethou is a tax haven, whose enant is not liable even to Guernsey income tax.

### 88 orders under contempt Act

Judges at the Central Crimi-nal Court have made 88 orders banning contemporaneous press reports of proceedings since the Contempt of Court Act came into force, according to figures released yesterday.

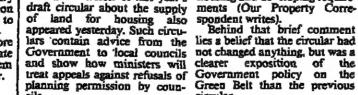
They were supplied by Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, in a letter to Mr John Morris Labour MP for Aberavon, and opposition spokesman on legal affairs, who wants an inquiry into the workings of the Act.

### Surgeons cancel trip after threat

The Royal College of Sur-geous has called off a visit to Egypt by some of its consultants after death threats to the team were received in two letters.

Seven consultants, some of their wives and two college administrators were to have left for Cairo the day before yesterday on a annual visit to invigilate university examinations in surgery and anaes-





which took its opposition to the servation.

Opposition to last year's

Jenkin's U-tura, p14 Government policy on new villages near London

Protection of Rural England, between development and con-

first version to the 1983 • The House Builders Feder-Conservative party conference, ation said in a statement that it

A new version of last year's housing and developing require-

Last year 'In some areas it may exceptionally prove the best solution to plan for new settlements.

course Draft circulate on betterny land.

"Any specific propeals of this kind by private developers must be subject to normal

necessity to allow for future new

## Island mail tests the pilots

Defence Correspondent Port Stanley

The Royal Air Force has to do some fancy low-level flying in difficult conditions these days to deliver the mail to Captain Marius Coulson, Lord High Everything in the Falkland Islands dependency of South

Apart from being a captain in the 2nd Battalion, the Royal m the 2nd Battation, the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, and officer commanding the small Army garrison in South Geor-gia, Captain Coulson is also the resident civil official, magis-trate, postmaster, special constable, assistant Queen's harbourmaster and deputy collec-tor of customs.

He is thus the very embodiment of civil and military authority in the island. These high offices were conferred on him in December as he and a detachment from his battalion were setting out for a four-month garrison duty in South Georgia, which was occupied by the Argentines for 22 days during the conflict in 1982.

His assumption of the roles was designed formally to reestablish a civil administration in the island which had been under military contro since its recapture from the Argentines in April, 1982.



Georgia's Lord High Everything. Hercules transport aircraft

makes about twice a month from the Falkland Islands. It is part of a process of policing the British territories in the South Atlantic, because, apart from delivering the mail, the Hercules also checks various places in case there have been unauthorized land-ings such as occurred before the conflict with Argentins.

There is no airfield in South Georgia so the mail has to be dropped by parachute in the sea as close inshore as possible, at Gritvyken. That calls for highly skilled flying. Ideally, the Hercales

to be torn to shreds; if it is much lower the aircraft is in danger of stalling. The flying is greatly compli-cated by the fact that Gritvyken is hemmed in by rising ground, with a 7,000 ft peak only about seven miles ahead as the circraft makes its approach The approach starts with a dummy run to access the strength of the air currents

turbulence they produce. On a recent trip the Hercules lurched so violently that the pilot, Squaron Leader Ron Wright, aged 47, could not make the parachute drop possible close the men below to take their

boats further out where the air was less turbulent, and there the drop was accomplished. Although the weather arou Gritvyken was clear and bright, despite the turbulence, as Squadron Leader Wright flew north-west along the coast to reconnoitre Stromness Bay, Prince Olav Harbour, and Bird Island, the black mountains and the grey and white of the glaciers and snowfields were very quickly lost in great swirls of cloud and that phase of the flight had to be abandoned.

Squadron Leader Wright thought that beyond Gritvyken conditions made any approach close to hand impossible, while at Gritvyken itself during the perachute drop they had been





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hould approach at 250 ft above sea level and drop the parachutes at a speed of 125 mph. If the speed is much part of a 1,600-mile round trip to South Georgia that an RAF merely "very, very difficult". greater the parachute is liable

News of the World

must pay libelled

## Universities forced to treat A level grades as criteria for places

The shortage of university places caused by the 1981 cuts risen, from 149,330 in 1981 to in spending on the universities 157,015 in 1983, with the is forcing academic selectors to biggest increase in the number put unduc emphasis on A level of women applying. grades which were not intended

for choosing students for

Universities Central Council on Administrations (UCCA). Dr

Harry Kay, vice-chancellor of Exeter University and the

council's chairman, says "fine

shades of difference between

grades" now have to carry more

significance than was intended because selectors are forced to

discriminate between well qualified applicants.

were accepted, 3.0(k) (4.1 per

cent) fewer than the previous year and almost 5,000 below the

figure in 1981, when the cuts

sities, Dr Kay says,

In the annual report of the

The Association of University Teachers said the figures meant Britain's best young brains were facing their biggest crisis in 25 years.

"It is a deplorable situation and, long term, economically disastrous for the country", 5235 Mr John Akker, the associ-ation's general secretary, said.

"The Government is pursuing an elitist policy that is forcing the universities unwillingly to slam the door in the face of many able and qualified The number of applications youngsters because they cannot and acceptances for last autumn afford to provide places.

presents "an unusual and unhappy picture" and reflects the July 1981 cuts in govern-Last year women made up 42.3 per cent of home candi-dates and 42 per cent of all ment spending on the universuccessful candidates, repesenting a small increase in Only 69.631 home candidates both instances. The number of overseas applicants increased more were accepted than in 1982.

More students last year withdrew L'CCA applications

Applications, however, have after accepting offer and achieving the required grades; almost 7,700 compared with 5,600 the previous year.

UCCA Twenty-first Report 1982-83 (Universities Central Council on Admissions, PO Box 28, Cheltenham, Glouces teshire GL50 JHY £1.50).

### Home reading plea

Few primary school pupils are allowed to take their reading books home with them even though teachers know how important it is to involve parents in children's reading. This conclusion, reached

after a study of infants' and first schools, in which head teachers the teachers of seven-year-olds and some of their pupils were interviewed, is published in the current issue of Educational Research. The survey also found few schools prepared to give guidance to parents on hearing their children read.

Three of the head teachers refused to permit their teachers to send books home. Five class teachers decided not to allow it.



Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother speaking yesterday to Hannah Norris and Damien Smith, both aged four, at the opening of the Swiss Cottage Community Centre in Camden, north London (Photograph John Manning).

### Satellite TV costs disputed By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

that he can produce the £100. necessary electronics and aerial Tho necessary electronics and aerial Thorn-EMI and GEC-McMi-to receive direct broadcasts by chael, which will sell their satellite (DBS) for about a systems between £400 and £500, quarter of the price which had question the Sinclair figures. Mr been believed possible was David Wright, managing directisputed yesterday by two of tor of GEC-McMichael, said: Britain's main electronics "We would be very surprised in the length of a satellite in the length of a satellite in

Sir Clive, who has been complete system for reception having discussions with the in the home was available for BBC and the Independent £100." Broadcasting Authority about The GEC figures are based on the electronics required in the initial sales of 100,000 its home for receiving satellite confidence is based on the cost television, has just completed a of the components in the feasibility study which con-receiving equipment. The an-cludes that the reception equip-tenna is metal and plastic and it

Computers

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A claim by Sir Clive Sinclair ment can be made for about is principally the electronic at he can produce the £100. "black box" at the back of the television which might be reduced in price through miniaturization and mass production.

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The feasibility study was requested by the BBC but at Sir Clive's initiative. A Sinclair executive said: "We will underat the launching of a satellite a take no major investment until there is a firm commitment to go ahead.

> The BBC, which is still discussing a proposed DBS partnership with the IBA, issued a statement implying that Sinclair was planning to manufacture unconditionally.

### House with added horse

By Our Property Correspondent

A Mayfair property dealer will give a two-year-old colt. valued at more than £5,000 to anyone who buys his £102,500 two-bedroom mews cottage in St John's Wood, north London,

by March 22. The man, who owns several racehorses, has paid the colt's training fees and expenses until the end of the flat season. The Victorian cottege is being sold by estate agents Benham and Reeves, who have offered to accept a share of any prize money in lieu of commission.

policemen £253,000 Ten police officers were each £25,000 exemplary damages to warded £25,300 libel damages cach man for 28 days, pending a in the High Court yesterday for possible appeal.

allegations in the News of the B'orld that they had been involved in rape and blackmail. At the end of a four-day hearing the jury, after being out unanimously awarded each man £300 for the libel and a further £25,000 in exemplary

That, according to counsel for the policemen, Mr David Eady, QC, was to make and example of the newspaper which published the "exclus-ive" allegations in July, 1978 for its "callous opportunism".

In his summing-up to the jury, Mr Justice Comyn told them that the newspaper knew would have to pay in damages.

The allegations appeared in a letter sent to the News of the World in June, 1978, by David

Brain, a gunman involved in a siege, in which he claimed that his wife had been raped and beaten by CID officers and had been blackmailed to accuse him the offences they had

committed against her. Brain, who was besieged by police in a cottage, had two hostages, one of them his son, aged five. At his trial in June. 1979, he was convicted on several charges and sent to Broadmoor under the Mental

Health Act.

Mr Eady said that in publishing the letter the newsthe allegations were untrue, but thought that it would get more out of publishing them than it ingredients of rape and black-

He ordered the newspaper's publishers, News Group Newspapers papers, to pay the damages and an estimated £50,000 costs, but he put a stay on payment of the

### Age of great exhibitions not over, RA says

By David Flewson, Arts Correspondent

and Albert Museum, that the age of the great exhibition is dead.

Sir Roy said that the Rococo exhibition which opens at the museum in May displaying arts treasures worth more than E15m will be the last show the V and A can afford to mount on

such a lavish scale. He cited the example of the Royal Academy's exhibition, The Genius of Venice, as an indication of the difficulties facing the promoters of large

apensive shows. But his remarks have displeased the academy, which says that it expects to break

even, or possibly make a small

The Royal Academy has profit from the 300,000 pre-rejected a forecast by Sir Roy Strong, director of the Victoria exhibition, and has long-term plans to continue large-scale

Mr Norman Rosenthal, the academy's exhibitions secretary. said yesterday: "I do not agree with Sir Roy's remarks. The age of the great exhibition is not over. It is quite easy to say these things but each event is a situation on its own. Exhibitions, like politics, are the art of the possible."

Unlike the V and A, the academy does not receive public funds. Its only public support for its exhibitions is a government indemnity which covers most of the insurance

### Payment for armour is held up By Bryan Appleyard Nine months after he sold a suit of armour for £330,000 at Sotheby's. Lord Astor has still not received a penny of the The seventeenth century suit

of Flemish armour made for Henry Wriothesley, Earl of Southampton, was sold last May to Mr Howard Ricketts, the London agent for Mr Ronald Lauder son of the founder of the cosmetics business. Estée Lauder.

The suit was sold as part of a £4m collection of arms from the Astor family's Hever Castle collection. That included a suit made in Milan for Henry II of

France which fetched £1.9m. Both suits were subject to export bans but the Milan suit left the country after it became clear that no attempts were being made to raise money to

The Southapton suit, however, has been the subject of an bidding fairly at auction. appeal by the Armouries of the

now looks certain that the with no balancing compen-appeal has been a success. A sation, he said, total of £372,950 needed to be His complaint touches on a

Mr Ian Eaves. Keeper of is left to the buyer and seller but Armour at the Tower of it could not comment on London, said.

The armour suit sold for £330,000.

Lord Astor believes that the entire procedure has taken too long and that British institutions should not be allowed to raise money in that way without

"It is an unsatisfactory Tower of London launched last system and a bad principle. whereby the private vendor of a The ban on an export licence so-called national treasure is statutority penalized in this way

raised to cover the purchase vague and little known area of price plus buyer's premium, auction practice. In cases where value-added tax and £5,000 for an export licence is in doubt the agent's fee to Mr Ricketts. Sotheby's says that the question We are quietly confident," of whether cash changes hands

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Criminal Court yesterday.

sentenced later. Last November Judge Lowry ordered Simon, aged 20, of Digby Crescent Finsbury Park, north London, to have hospital treatment after he had posed as a doctor at ten London

Muggers who menace mother hunted

## By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent Stationery Society.

A computerized conveyancng system to speed buying and selling of houses is to be developed by the National Law Library and the Solicitors Law The system will take into

account latest communication technology after the launch of British Telecom's teletex service. Solicitors will be able to link their offices and pass information to each other and communicate with other relevant bodies.

Rapid communications with banks, the land registry, estate agents, building societies and others are possible, the library and society say, and are intended to be integrated into the new system.

Mr Christopher Hewetson, president of the Law Society. has welcomed the idea. The library undertakes technological other specialized services to

The Law Society's Gazette has an article this week saying that solicitors should set up their own building society to meet competition from those who want to take over the legal side of house buying and selling The idea comes from Mr William Heath, a member the society's council, and Mr Edwin Lee, partner in a London firm of solicitors.

The House Buyers Bill, if it becomes law, will allow licensed conveyancers, banks and buildtraditional work of solicitors.

The two solicitors say the building society would have a big computer with terminals and printers in each solicitor's office. They say they are investigating the idea and hope the society will be incorporated by the end of the year.

The police are confident of

finding a gang of muggers who have attacked a mother and her

Mrs Sally Menyhart, aged

daughter Nicola were stopped

near their home in Conyers Road, Streatham, south Lon-

don, on Wednesday morning and cut, respectively, with a

razor blade and a knife. Nicola

was treated for superficial facial cuts and ber mother for a

four-inch stab wound in the

The police believe the assai-

lant was one of two men who attacked Mrs Menyhart, Nico-

la, and her other daughter, Natalie, aged three, on October

26, threatening reprisals if the

ceived harrassing telepho

calls and a dead bird was nailed

black, tall, with very bad acne.

Wednesday's attacker was

Since the first attack she and her husband John have re-

police were told.

to their door.

and her 21-month-old

children twice.

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Further information on the new grants is available from the Energy Efficiency Office. Cutting out the coupon will be the next step towards cutting your energy costs.

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This new scheme has replaced the old Energy Survey Scheme. Companies who have already commissioned oneday surveys under the old Energy Survey Scheme must submit their grant applications by 29th February, 1984.

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### Campaign urges plain English on medicine labels

By Robin Young The Plain English Campaign will shortly be publishing a report which is highly critical of

doctors and drug companies for using unintelligible language on the labels of medicines and baby foods. Miss Chrissie Maher of the campaign first drew attention to the subject three years ago, after a Derbyshire baby starved to death because its mother misunderstood the dilution instructions on tins of powdered milk. Several more instances of death resulting from misunderstand-

ings of dosage instructions have come to light since. Miss Maher said an instruction that medicine be taken three times a day could be understood to mean either fourhour or eight-hour intervals.

The campaign, whose offices are at 131 College Road, Manchester, M16 0AA, is appealing for information about cases in which people have misunderstood labels, and has aready received more than 100. hospitals.

rooted obsession" to pose as a

Dominic Simon had been sent by Bow Street magistrates who found him guilty on Wednesday of obtaining property by deception at a London

as Lord Forte's grandson.
Simon ordered four bottles of champagne worth £220 for which he could not pay. He sent one bottle to the table of Miss

Simon finally made a brief appearance at the request of Judge Nina Lowry so she could consider bail. However, he

## **Bogus doctor** for sentence

nightclub.
The Court heard that, posing

made no application and was remanded in custody to be

A man said to have a "deeprooted obsession" to pose as a development for the legal doctor refused to appear in dock to be sentence a the Central Society supplies computers and

Koo Stark.

## All bids for yard will be considered

### SCOTT LITHGOW

It was open to companies other than Trafalgar House to make offers to British Shipbuilders for Scott Lithgow, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Commons during question time, but she added that time was short. Mrs Thatcher deplored the unions' at rejection of a chance to between the unions' 1,000 and 2,000 jobs on the Clyde and said that the hope for Scott Lithgow rested in getting the rig and possibly more of the yard into the private The questioning was opened by Mr Dennis Canavan (Falkirk, West,

Lab) who asked the Prime Minister to explain why she seemed to favour the granting of contracts to firms like Trafalgar House, whether it was for the building of a university in Oman or asset-stripping Scott Lithgow and throwing nearly 3,000 orkers out of a job.

Will she intervene now (he asked) to ensure the job prospects of Scottish workers, or is she only willing to intervene to help improve the job prospects of her own son?

Mrs Thatcher: The British taxpaver has paid £165m in respect of Scott Lithgow shipbuilding yard since nationalization. That is a large sum and meant last year a subsidy of £13,000 for every worker in the

The future of the contract for the rig for Britoil is in question. There have been discussions about the whole of Scott Lithgow between British Shipbuilders and Trafalgar House. Discussions have made

good progress.

A number of parties have expressed interest. Trafalgar House has pursued its interest and reached conditional agreement with British

Mr Barry Handerson (North-East Fife, C): Those in Scotland genuinely concerned about the possible social and economic consequences of Scott Lithgow deplore the politically-prejudiced remarks from Labour MPs now that

cmerging.

Will she ensure that every step is taken to carry through the hope which now exists for the future?

Mrs Thatcher: The hope of Scott Lithgow lies in getting that rig and possibly more of the yard into the private sector and having a new ment. It can get rid of the reputation of not fulfilling orders on time and

If it goes into the private sector and makes a good job of the rig, it may get other orders and the workforce have a very good future.

troops had

to be moved

British troops would have been unable to help evacuate British nationals from Beirut because of the

position of their headquarters, Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, the Prime

asked: Does she think it is right that

asked: Does she think it is right that
the British task force is being pulled
out of Beirut prior to British
nationals being withdrawn? Will she
comment on the fact that British
nationals are being asked to sign
pieces of paper for their fares?
Mrs Thatcher: The British forces in
the Lebanon had their headquaters
at Haddeth From that position they

at Hadeth. From that position they would have been totally unable to help British nationals who were in West Beirut. They are better able to help from the RFA Reliant that they would have been from their

previous position.

We had to consider their safety in

that previous position and their inability to carry our the task which

had been allocated to them which was to safeguard the bank where the ceasefire talks were taking place, but

there had been none since January 16, and to patrol in West Beirnt,

which had become impossible.
It was right to withdraw them

It was right to withdraw them under those circumstances rather then to leave them in a very dangerous and exposed position. Our ambassador there is making arrangements for their evacuation. With regard to the paper thay are being asked to sign to say they will pay £30, that is in accordance with standard practice for all evacuations. When the Labour government

When the Labour government evacuated people from Tehran the price charge then was £68.

LEBANON

ithgow shipyard would be con-idered before a final deal was ettled. Mr Norman Famout, Minister of State for Trade and Industry, later assured the Com-mons when answering a private notice question on the conditional agreement reached between Trafal-gar House, the shipping and property group, and BS. Mr Lamont said that Trafalgar House was not being given

House was not being given favourable treatment; it was simply that they had made an offer way shead of any other bidder and

He could not understand the Opposition's objection to the negotiations when only a few days ago they had been calling for urgent action to secure the yard's future. Now that prospect was in view the Opposition complained things were spins to fact. going to fast, He hoped that those workers at

the yard who had walked out in protest when learning of the negotiations with Trafalgar House, would on reflection decide to return and so ensure that there remained

Mr Lamont in his main answer. said: Yesterday, the Government was informed that BS and Trafalgar agreement on the aquisition of Scott Lithgow. Negotiations are still underway. Final agreement would require Government approval: in meantime other parties have

ed an interest. The Government has been kent fully informed of the terms of conditional arrangements between

currently examining these. Mr Norman Godman (Greenock and Port Glasgow, Lab): Can be give an absolute guarantee no private, cosy deal will be closed between these two parises and private. these two parties and that serious bids from other interested parties will be carefully analysed before a

Will he give the House an assuarance that is needed, he will use his statutory powers to obtain the best possible deal in terms of the interests of the management and the workforce of Scott Lithgow and hence the citizens of Greenock and

Mr Lamont No private deal has been done and all serious bids will indeed be considered. Why agree-ment would require approval of the

I would have hoped he might have welcomed the fact that there is a prospect of a future for Scott Lithgow, only a few weeks ago it appeared inconceivable. It appeared there was a situation of no hope now there is some hope.

The Government would be publish-

ing in a Green Apper on longer term public expenditure and taxation

prospects, Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer,

examined the prospects for falling North Sea oil production and

considered what impact this would

Mr Lawson replied that the Government considered seriously the long-term prospects. This was one reason for the Green Paper.

Earlier, Mr Lawson said that the Government's policies had reduced

inflation and so provided a sound basis for the growth in output now

Manufacturing had shared in this revovery and the January survey by the CBI pointed to a 7 per cent increase in manufacturing invest-

and on competitiveness

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tions.



Would be confirm there is not only one interested party, Trafalgar House, but Bechtel and Howard Doris have also expressed serious

interest in the prospect of taking over the Scott Lithgow yard?
How can he reconcile the statement that no deal has been done with Trafalgar House with the

statement by Mr Graham Day that

BS had a moral agreement with Trafalgar House but not yet a legal one? That is a most extraordinary

attitude and it is one that does not sit easily on the impartial examin-ation of the rival merits of Bechtel

kind of terms are being offered by Trafalgar House and why is it that Trafalgar House is being given, as it

were, so favourable a green light in its approach when it has given no guarantee to maintain even half the

when there are large property interest connections with Scott Lithgow outside its shipbuilding interests?

Mr Lamout: Other parties are interested. These do include Bechtel and I understand also Howard

their interests will be examined. The

deal does require the Government's approval and the Government will wish to examine this extremely

carefully.

Trafalgar House were the first

company to come forward very much before other companies and

therefore they are a long way ahead simply because they made an offer

and started negotiations quickly.

Rightly, British Shipbuilders, in a situation where redundancies ap-

peared to be imminent on a total scale in that yard, responded and

He says they have given no commitment to maintain oil rig construction. He knows their interest is to continue to use this yard for the business of offshore construction and that Trafisher.

House, through their subsidiary do have some interest in offshore

industries and in constructing

tructures in the North Sea. They

The Government, British Ship-builders and especially Britoil, will

want to examine the technical competence and ability of com-

North, C): The workforce at Scott Lithgow expressed at a meeting with

me and Mr Albert McQuarrie (Banff and Buchan, C) that they would

welcome any private sector coming in to retain the capability of the yard

the oil revenues start to disappear?

Mr Lawson: The growth of the

economy of 3 per cent over the past year was the highest in the EEC. The prospect is of a further increase of 3

per cent during the current year. I am sure the North West will share

Mr John Farr (Harborough, C) said

fully in that recovery.

William Walker (Tayside

panies to fulfil the contract.

Why British Green paper on public spending

Lab) had said that manufacturing output was still 13 per cent below 1979. He asked if Mr I aware had

1979. He asked if Mr Lawson had exporting war next year. But

Doris telephoned BS

Trafalgar offering the workforce in order to so

hear what he says. All who work at Scott Lithgow ought to be pleased that this prospect does exist.

large number of people did wa out, not wanting to work, this morning because they did not approve of this deal.

Lab): The announcement by Trafalgar Flouse and BS was deliberately timed to get in before denography inner in get in better others in this particular market, and without prior notification of the minister. This is intolerable where a deal involves large numbers of jobs and, directly or indirectly, Govern-

ne of us are sceptical about any long-term commitment b Trafalgar House to this particula

Mr Lement: His scepticism is not well-founded. BS were right to get on quickly with negotiations with Trafalgar House. We have been told time and again from the other side of the House that time is very short and we ought to get on now they ar saying we are getting on 100 quickly. Mr Michael Hirst (Strathkelvin and Bearsden, C): Before he gives approval of any deal will be ensure there is adequate manage

expertise to ensure that the rig at present in the yard is completed on time and that the mercial reputation of the yard is

thereby enchanced? Mr Lamout In any deal it will b necessary to have the agreement of Britoil who are an interested party. They wish to have their rig and will wish to be satisfied as to the technical competence of anyone

Mr Norman Buchan (Paisley South, Lab): Was the Secretary of State for Scotland (Mr George Younger) informed, or his department informed before this moral agree-

ment took place? Mr Lamout: We were all kept fully informed of the situation before the announcement was made. If the deal goes through, Trafaigar House found, otherwise it will be reduced to a nucleous of 1,250. That is a

### Four votes keep out a Liberal MAZE ESCAPE amendment

TELECOM BILL

A Liberal proposal, which it was claimed would dilute a great deal of anxiety about the Telecommunication Bill to privatize British Telecom, was narroly rejected when the committee stage of the Bill began in the House of Lords.

An amendment by Lard Lleyd of Riserary to set up a telecommuniren to set un a telecomm telecommunications, instead of the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry as the Bill proposed, was defeated by 116 votes to 112 -Lord Lloyd said the authority, which would be chosen from experts in the industry and the trade unions.

the director general. The Bill would the carecum general. I he can would have a profound effect on industry nationally and internationally. There was anxiety among the public and the industry about the way it was being treated by the Government. Lord Taylor of Gryle (SDP) said that consumers, manufacturers and trade unions felt there should be

body to whom they could make representations rather than feel that a remote civil servant and a minister were to be responsible for minister were to be responsible for discharging the immense public duty which the Bill put on them.

There ought to be an authority that provided some degree of accountability or at least public awareness of what was going on. The new director general would be a remote figure to the six to eight million people who used the telephones. Lord Ezra (L) said that what contemplated in the Bill was a unique transfer of a massive concentration of industrial and

should be a body of people skilled in the various expects of this industry who could have a supervisory role

over the operation The Counters Mar (Ind) said that hundreds of thousands of telephone subscribers would perhaps suffer under the Bill and they needed someone to whom they could turn. Lard McIntosh of Haringey, for the Opposition, said the risk of having a political appointment was great. The Opposition wanted greater

parliamentary control introduced. Lady Macleod of Borve (C) agreed ment. This job was much too big for

Lord Cockfield, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, said he appreciated that the invention of the amendment was to facilitate the smooth and effective working of the Act, but he did not think it would

It was not a proposal which would sit happily with the structure for the regulatory system included in the Bill.

The Bill made ample provision for the supervision of the exercise of He could not advise the House to

accept the proposal which would not be consistent with the general pattern of the Bill and would not exist at present.

### Welsh rates support grant approved

The Welsh rate support grant for 1984-85 was approved in the Commons on Wednesday night by 275 votes to 170 - Government majority, 105.

Sir Anthony Meyer (Clwyd North West, C) said during the debate that the system of local government finance was too complicated for any backbencher to understand. It had a

Mr Iosa Evans, an Opposition spokesman for Wales, said Government expenditure had increased by 130 per cent in the past five years while local government expenditure had gone up by 77 per cent. Local authorities were being punished for the failure of

Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, replying, said all of the Weish councils were in the top 17 of the shire counties in England and Wales in terms of target per head and Powys and Gwynedd were first and third.

## Prior tells why he did not resign

Mr James Prior, Secretary of Shife for Northern Ireland, explained to the Commons why he did feel to was necessary for him to range following the break-out at the Maze

opening a debate on the report by Sir James Hennessy, Chief Inspector of Prisons for England and Wates, of Prisons for England and Wates, on security arrangements at the Maze, Mr Prior recalled that there were people who suggested the circumstances of the escape demanded ministerial resignation.

I took that view seriously and have given it the most careful consideration (he said). I share MPs' highest standard. If there were any evidence in the Hennessy report that ministers were to blame for the

I do not accept, and I do not think it right for the House to accept, that there is any constitutional or other ations in the event of a failu



Prior: No blame on ministers

either by others to carry out orders

The question I have asked myself. of September 25 I was to bisme for those prisoners escaping, he said.
The report is quite explicit in its conclusion that although there may have been weaknesses in the physical security of the prison and

in the prisons department, the escape could not have taken place if the procedures laid down for the running of the prison had been ollowed Undoubtedly some prison offic-ers were disaffected but the vast majority were doing a dedicated job as was brought out in the report.

He did not believe, if morale has been as low as some people since have been trying to make out, that the courage shown by the prison officers during the escape, particularly at the gate when one gave his life and five were badly injured. could possibly have been shown.

He readily accepted the report's 73 recommendations. He wished to act quickly to rectify any security deficiencies in the Maze, Hig

shoricomings, deficiencies and operational mistakes. There were three main aspects to the report's criticism of the Maze physical weaknesses including the including search arrangements; deficiencies in management. We have (be said) taken action in all these areas.
Since the report had been

recommendations had continued

The Prisons: Department in Northern Ireland had been strengthened and a review of management structure in the department had been carried out. In addition, a number of reviews recommended by Hamessy had started or would start shortly.

He was well aware of the acute difficulties under which those in immediate command of the prison

immediate command of the prison the dedication with which the then Governor had carried out his 34 years' service, but given the extensi and nature of the security defi-ciencies which the report had highlighted and considering the

and he (Mr. Prior) had made arrangements whereby he would not suffer in respect of his retirement as a result of resignation. That would be a proper recognition of one who had, in many ways, been holding the poison chalics in that job at the time

shortcomings will be rectified and the present governor assures me that action has already been taken and will be taken to that ead.

Mr Peter Archer, chief Opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland, said minister should be judged with sympathy for the difficulty of a thankless hask. Their decisions were not to be condemned simply because they were wrong. But they must be judged by the standard of involvement which took account of the minefield in which their staff were working.

Labour Allocation Board, which allocated work to the prisoners, wont to the Northern Ireland Offic. On them was the name of Brenden MacFarlanc, it was a name that would leap out to anyone who read those minutes. But did anyone in the Security and Operations Div-ision read them? And if tiley were

Representatives of the prison officers had met the Governor on November 24th 1982 and expressed concern about security in H Block. Minutes of those meetings were sent to the Northern Ireland Office and it was clear that staff were very concerned with security in H Block; concerned was actumy in it should particularly H-7. Did anyone read them and if they did, how could they have been unaware of the anxieties of these staff? He did not think it was right to

call for the resignation of the Secretary of State because he could He was hadly served. Nor could be see Mr Prior being replaced within the present administration by anybody more compassionate and olitically sensitive.
But the Earl of Gowrie former

Minister of State for Northern freland wis in a different position and it was difficult to see how he could justify remaining a member of

Sir Humphrey Atkine (Spettherne, C) for Secretary of State for Northern Ireland said that of the 2,500 prisoners in Northern Keland, 1,900 were there for offences committed in the course of entrovis activity. The majority of these regarded themselves as prisoners of war and as such regarded it as their

## Black economy not all bad

It was false to assume that the black economy was all bad. Mr Barney Hayhoe, Minister of State at the Treasury, stated during Commons question time. It certainly contributed to growth within society.

The Government has entered a period of consultations on the Keith recommendations and comments are now coming in.

Sir Paul Bryan (Boothferry, C): The Government can take some comfirm Mr Hayhoe said the nature of the

tax lost.

Mr Jeffrey Rooker, an Opposition spokesman on Treasury affairs: Is be actually saying that he does not agree with the estimate given to a select committee of between £4,000m and £6,000m?

Government can take some comfort from the fact that the so-called black

black economy in the United economy is to a certain extent Kingdom as elsewhere was sub that manned by the so-called unensit was not possible to make any firm ployed estimate of the overall amount of Mr Haybee I think it is falacious to assume that the black economy is all

tax lost.

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Given that the back economy will grow as we are in depression, is the Government going to take action to increase the powers of the Inland Revenue as recommended by the Keith Committee?

Mr Hayhoer It is impossible to give firm estimate. I realise the Inland Revenue did make a broad estimate and it is closer to describe it as guesstimate. It indicated an income tax loss of £4,000m and £200m.

Assume that the black economy is all. Mr John Maxton (Glasgow, Catheart, Lab) in view of the amount of texation that is lost through the black economy, why does not the Government consider transfering some of the anoopers from the Department of Health and Revenue to ensure that proper taxes from the Constitution of the smount of texation that is lost through the black economy, why does not the Government consider transfering some of the anoopers from the Department of Health and Revenue to ensure that the black economy is all.

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They do not like the loss of

ability of British troops in
Lebouon. Even though there
were lewer of them than
Americans there, the political
consequences of their stampher,
would have been horrific.

But for Britain to have
removed its troops while
Linited States forces remained

Yet the political hazards in staying there indefinately would have been considerable worth maye been considerable even if there had been no massacre of British troops. The pressure to get them out as quickly as possible seemed to have subsided on the Conservative backbenches after the burst of protest in December.

in all parties as more and more members concinded that Bri-tain was simply being dragged along in the American slip-stream against its own inter-

# between them. Mr Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said during other exchanges that the White Paper on public expenditure would be published in a few days' time. Ministers smile on Tyneside's Metro





ture and Horticulture Development. Scheme, the Farm and Horticulture Cooperation Scheme (for forage groups) and the Farm Structure (payment to outgoers) Scheme.

We reached agreement (he said)

Mr Jopling: I had discussions with the French Minister. It seems the demonstrations appear now to be over and there have been no

Next week's business

The main business of the House of Commons next week will be:
Monday: Private member's motion on provision of organs for transplants. Nottinghamshire Country (Wednesday: Debates on the Law of Commons and Second Reading of Straw and Schubble Surning Prohibition Bill.

Wednesday: Debate on an Opposition motion on the problems of Parliament today

The main business in the House of Lords will be: Monday: Committee stage
Telecommunications Bill.

Did he discuss with the French Minister the illegal delays of British meat exports to France and make clear that this intolerable situation must be ended for good?

or an import quota for 1984 of 50,000 tonnes of beef and veal for the processing industry. Because of the continued opposition of some member states, there was no the post-Stuttgart discussions.

Valley, L): Manufacturing industry urgently needs most to be allowed to become competitive with industries overseas. Will be abolish the tax on jobs and help interest rates and the effective exchange rate to come add any protection which did not

said) will be deeply shocked by Mr Lawson's apparent disregard of their

contribution to the economy. He

public investment so that invest-ment and output in manufacturing industry can expand.

Mr Lawsen: I cannot understand the selective importance she, many Labour MPs and some Tory MPs attach to the manufacturing sector. About a quarter of all jobs are in manufacturing. All sectors of the

economy are important and it is foolish to make distinctions

ment sees it) of highly subsi-dized cheap fares policies. The Newcastie Metro, launched in the early 1970s and

trains, or trams as they are more often called, whizzing

businesses particularly with the loan guarantee scheme. But the lessons of instery and the cursons position on

makes one liestate to wax too enthusiastic about banks lending

above the limits of banking

Mr Richard Wainwright (Coine

story and the surrent position on e international debt problem

manufactured exports last year for the first time in Britain's history. How would Mr Lawson correct the Mr Lawson said he would be happy to abolish various taxes when Mr Wainwright and his party told him where to make public spending Mr Lawson: I am not clear why he savings to do so. wants the balance corrected. (Interruptions.) We are exporting oil Dr Oonagh McDonald (Thurrock, Lab), an Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, said that even on the Government's figures manufacturing investment was 37 per cent below the level of

on a substantial scale and there is bound to be a counterpart on the import side to that.

The counterpart we are seeing is manufactured goods, many of which are important and helpful to British industry in equipping for the future. 1979 and manufacturing output was well down.

Mr Anthony Beaumost-Dark (Birmingham, Selly Oak, Cr Manufacturing industry is at long last starting to expand, and one reason is that the banks have been willing to lend way showe normal banking.

Mr Anthony Lloyd (Stretford, Lab): That answer is irrelevant to the real issues. The manufacturing base in the North West has been destroyed by the Government. Given that the prodence.

If that is to continue, and there is a need for it, another windfall tax on banks would discourage that needed growth in manufacturing industry. Government is frittering away the benefits of North Sea oil, what hope can he give to an area like Manchester, the North West or Government has helped small

### Hill farmers to receive cheques this week

### **AGRICULTURE**

Cheques for farmers would be in the post tomorrow (Friday) for this year's hill livestock compensatory allowances. Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, told the Commons.

Reporting on a meeting of the EEC Agriculture Ministers, he added that he would start approvals of applications under the Agriculture and Horticulture Development.

transplants. Nothinghamshire Country Council Bill, report.

Thedsay: Motion on the Supplementary Benefit (Requirements)
Amendment Regulations and on motions relating to housing benefits

low pay.
Thursday: Matrimonial and Family
Proceedings Bill, second reading.
Friday: Private Member's motion on future provision of welfare services and benefits.
The main business in the House of low pay.
Thursday: Matrimonial and Family

Wednesday: Debates on the Law of the Sea Treaty and on metropolitan

through Tyseside, are already, three years after the first section opened, much apprecireport by chairman of Advisory Council for Applied Research and Advisory Board for Research Councils. ated by not only the local population but also by the business community which has

By Michael Baily
Transport Editor
Ministers are besitantly
coming round to the view that
Britain's most costly venture in
urban public transport since
the war – Newcastle upon
Tyne's £280m, 34-mile Metro—
is turning out to be a brilliant
success and an excellent investment. It could prove to be a model for new public transport investment in other cities provided that they stop pouring money down the drain (as the Government) of blable subsi-



Metro and bus, two faces of Newcastle travel

ched in the early 1970s and now being completed in a final rush of labour troubles, was long regarded as the last legacy of the high-spending Labour regimes of the late 1960s, and not only by Conservative governments. It was almost balted with £100m spent, by Labour's Secretary of State for Transport, Mr William Rodgers, during the IMF monetary crisis in 1976.

But its cheerful little yellow trains, or trams as they are "Newcastle is the highest rated city in the United Kingdom and, although we complain bitterly about that, we don't complain about the burden of the Metro", Mr James Cram, northern director of the CBL, says. "It has enormous psychological significance. The industrial

to pay heavily for them through that the North-east isn't down and out, and are pressing for extensions to Sunderland and Newcastle airport."

Newcastle airport."

As for the Metro's value nationally, Mr Cram added, "if it helps us to sell this area as go-ahead, attract new firms, and become more self-reliant, that helps UK Limited".

Nearly every traveller I spoke to during a day in the city was pleased with the

They do not like the loss of bus services (about 200 were cut or altered, saving more than £10m a year when the Metrobegui, working) is the over-crowding at peak periods.

What commends the venture to Government in that it is not only heavily used but also reasonably economically run. The Labour-controlled council has not gone for a cheap fares policy of the GLC type; fares are cheaper than some cities, but they are not as cheap as those in South Yorkshire.

At four times the Grizinal At four times the original budgetted cost the Metro looks expensive but in real terms the

final cost was only 5 per cent up on budget a commendable performance.

performance.

On many key indicators, the Metro does well in international terms. Compared with Cologne for example, which has a similar population, 1.2 million, Newcastle acheives 994 pathic transport miles a head of population a year against 500; and 159 miles per each member of Staff, against 162.



Geoffrey Smith

By the end of the year we may be looking back on the withdrawal from Lebanon as the event that scaled President Reagan's reelection.

That may seem a cynical comment in the light of the catastrophe there. But it is a reminder that international crises often have a strong mestic political content. In this instance it is particularly strong for the United States. though it is important for Britain as well.

It will be remarkable, though, if a domestic political success is derived from an international failure. If that occurs it will be partly because the success will be only relative and partly because of the short time scale by which political developments are judged.

In the long run, what has bappened in Lebanon could

have damaging consequences that would affect us all. But in the short rim it has removed an embarrassment for the British decisive factor in the American presidential election. For some months it has

ed that the greatest threat section that the grants chances of reciection has lain in an international disaster for the United States, and that the greatest danger of one was in Lebanon. The President is immensely popular personally; the economy is recovering well; inflation is down; but Lebanon presented a double auxiety.

The American forces in Beirat were a hostage to the enemies of the United States and the word hostnee has bitten deeply into American political

Mr Reigan is known to believe that the humiliation in Tebran ensured Mr Jimmy Carter's deleas in the 198 American people a sense of national lightly. It was seen as the penalty for weak leadership. and President Reagan has always been determined that nothing of the sort should happen to him:

### Action by Britain alone ruled out

October was a warning of how easily it could. Not even Mr Reagan's charm or all his oratorial skill could have unffled the anguish of Americane during the coming months of they had been watching on their trievision screen night boys slaughtered in Lebanon.

If the President had allowed that to happen he would have been transformed into an aging actor trying ineffectually to play the role of a strong man. If, however, he had responded by extending the military embroilment of American troops he would have run into another political danger. He would have intensified the anxieties of those voters who already regard him as trigger—happy and would have further jespanitized his support among women woters.

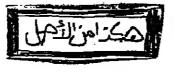
For the Britisk Government, the political danger has been

the political danger has been less, but real enough. British ministers have been worried for some time about the valuer ability of British troops in

would have been damaging to Anglo-American relations? Especially after Grenada, it would have been said across the would have been said across the
United States that you could us
longer trust the British when
the going got rough. For such a
helief to become part of
American political folklore
would have been grave indeed.
That just about ruled out a
unilateral British withdrawal.
Yet the political hazards in

But the unease was there and might well have broken out again with redoubled force. Already it was evident in the House of Commons that the Leismon dilemma was fuelling anti-American sentiment. It would have continued to do so in all parties as more and more

There is certainly anxiety now on all sides of the Commons about the future of Lebanou. But that does not put the same political pressure on the British Government because nobody believes that it has the principal responsibility. So, while the withdrawal was precipitated by an extremely precipitated by an extremely damaging turn of events damaging turn of events, ministers have a justifiable sense of relief.



## Inspectorate to streamline personal social services

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

whole".

Details of the a new social Hamlets in east London and its services inspectorate to check social services department, of the work of local authority services there. social services departments are to be announced shortly by Mr department after arguing that Norman Fowler. Secretary of spending cuts were preventing the authority from meeting its

The inspectorate will be statutory duty in providing based on the Department of services. Health and Social Security's social work service division. It confidential, but attacked by will bring in experts in manage- Tower Hamlets director of ment and financial control to social services, Mr Tom Thorn, work with profesional social for being maccurate, superficial, workers to ensure that local contradictory, and making social services departments unsubstantiated comments, is operate efficiently and provide critical of the whole department

About £2.500m a year is ment.

spent on personal social The report of the inspection, services and local authority which was completed last April. authorities employ about says there was "a poor state of 200,000 people in providing affairs in the department as a

The aim would be to offer independent assessments of how well local authority social service departments are performing compared with others. to provide models of good practice and cost indicators for

supplying the services. There has been ministerial concern over the efficiency of local authorities in delivering the services, instanced by an inspetion that had been carried out, at the request of Tower invited in in the first place.



Damages claim: Rita Milla, the Californian woman aged 22 who is suing seven Catholic priests and the Los Angeles diocese for \$10m (£7m) for clerical malpractice, claiming that she was seduced by the priests and gave birth to a daughter.

BUILDING

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### 3 children among 11 avalanche dead

From Richard Bassett

Avalanches caused by heavy snowfall killed at least seven people and left dozens of skiers injured in western Austria

During Wednesday night more than 12ft of snow fell, blocking roads and setting off a series of avalanches. In the small village of Galtuf in Vorariberg, Austria's western-most province, a wall of snow crashed onto the side of a wooden gasthaus, killing two young children who sleeping inside.

At St Jakob am Arlberg, a boy age 14 was buried by an avalanche as he was walking to his home less than 50 yards away. Another avalanche at the Swiss frontier post of Samnann left three dead as the weather continued to deteriorate and other skiers had to be dug out of the snow.

By noon yesterday, the Ariberb Tunnel was blocked, leaving Vorarlberg cut off from the rest of the country.

• GENEVA: Four people were killed yesterday by ava-lanches in central Switzerland and the authorities said that after 80 hours of heavy snowfalls there was a high risk of further avalanches. (AP

Police said seven avalanches within six hours near Les Diablerets in western Switzerland destroyed numerous chalets but no one was injured.

## Witness rebuts 'orthodox' version of Aquino murder

The Philippine opposition lead-er, Benigno Aquino, was shot as he descended the exit stairs of the China Airlines plane, which last August brought him home from three years self-exile in the United States, a witness yesterday said. The testimony of Mr Fred

Viesca, an airport cargo loader, differs radically from that of more than 70 witnesses who have appeared since the inquiry began last October.
Mr Viesca told the five-man

panel that he was more than 60ft from the rear of the airliner and about to begin unloading when he heard a single shot. He saw a man in white, later

indentified as Mr Aquino, fall from the mid-section of the stairway. Frightened, he ran off and, although he heard gunfire behind him, he did not see anyone else near Mr Aquino. The inquiry has so far heard

that Mr Aquino was escorted from the airliner by at least four soldiers and was killed on the tarmac between the stairs and a military van, which was to have taken him to a nearby army

Cardinal Sin: Pessimistic about reconciliation.

The military version that a lone civilian gunman penerated a tight security net and killed Mr Aquino has been dismissed by his family. Mr Viesca's testimony is similar to the family version.

the head before being shot by a date the antagonist by forcing soldier behind him as two him to resign".

• Marcos denounced: The Archbishop of Manila, Cardinal Jaime Sin, yesterday described President Marcos as an oppressor and accused him of using "candy and brass knuckles" to ensure his party stayed in power, even if it lost its majority in the May parliamentary election (AP

others escorted him down the

reports). But the influential Roman Catholic leader did not spare the opposition. He criticized them for being as rigid and unbending in their demand for the President to resign as Mr Marcos was inflexible in his refusal to give them genuing refusal to give them genuine political concessions. Candinal Sin, a frequent critic of alleged

the family version.

The family claims Mr Aquino received a blow to the back of antagonisms, wanted to "liqui-

### Priests' trial moved to bigger court

Manila (AFP) - The Supreme Court yesterday agreed to the transfer of a trial of three roman catholic priests and six church lay workers, accused of murdering a mayor, to another court.

The first hearing was adjourned on Tuesday because the 25-seat court room in the town hall of Kabankalan, in the

southern Philippines, was too small for the 500 people trying

Acting on an urgent petition by the prosecution, defence and the judge, the Supreme Court said the trial should be moved to Bacolod City, the capital of

Negros Occidental Province.

Father Brain Gore, an Australian, and Father Niall O'Brien, an Irishman, both of the Columban Order, Father Vicente Dangan, a Filipino, and six church lay workers are charged with the March, 1982, ambush and killing of Mr Pablo Sola, the mayor of Kabankalan.

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### Gold medal for 'frugal' architect

By John Young Mr Charles Correa, the Indian architect who has won an international reputation for his commitment to housing the urben poor, has been awarded

the Royal Institute of British Architects gold medal for 1984. The citation states that he has always believed that the true problem of low-cost housing is not one of building forms but of proper land use, planning and infrastructure.

"His buildings do not celebrate power or wealth, but demonstrate the virtues of an architecture that is dedicated to good sense and to the spirit of live and let live, that is frugal in its use of materials, and where possible is the product of communal enterprise in which the people involved devise

their own solutions." Mr Correa was born in Hyderabad in 1930, and educated at St Xavier College, Bombay, Michigan University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has been in private practice in Bombay for

more than twenty years. in 1970, the government of Maharashtra state accepted hisproposals for New Bombay, a settlement for two million people, designed to relieve severe overcrowding in the

The medal will be presented by the Prince of Wales at the institute's 150th anniversary banquet at Hampton Court



Mr Correa: Committed to housing the poor.

### Rate-fixing powers approved

tices in local authority depart-ments, and has failed to

investigate how budget restrictions had affected the service

the reason the department was

By Hugh Clayton Local Government

Correspondent MPs voted yesterday to give ministers many of the powers they want to fix the rates of the highest-spending local councils The first clause of the Rates Bill was passed by 14 to 10 without amendment by the House of Commons standing committee

The clause had an easy passage despite consistent oppo-sition from Labour MPs, and some opposition from the SDP Liberal Alliance and Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Conservative MP for Birming-ham, Selly Oak.

The clause empowers ministers to fix rates for councils they choose for selective "rate-capping". The committee has yet to the Bill's more versial power to cap the rates of

all but the smallest councils.

Labour MPs tried yesterday to extend the scope for selective capping to the Metropolitan Police, internal drainage boards and hundreds of parish coun-

### Former major in **Brearley stamps** case is jailed

Robin Houghton, aged 54, former Army major who tricked the former England cricket captain Mike Brearley and others in a £100,000 stamps fraud, was jailed yesterday. He was sentenced to 18

months' imprisonment, 12 of them suspended, after being convicted on Wednesday on eight charges of fraud and deception. Five theft charges were withdrawn during the trial Houghton, who ran a stamp investment service from his home at Toad Hall, Huntworth, somerset, induced 18 clients to invest more than £100,000 in the money, Bristol Crown Court

Mr James Black, QC, for the defence, said that Houghton genuinely wanted to make good

### PC is charged

Robert Anthony Sampson, aged 24, a police constable, of Clevelys Avenue, Leeds, was committed by Leeds Magistrates for trial at Leeds Crown Court charged with stealing £1,000 from Leon Parrish and John Eastwood on December 3 Bail and legal aid were granted.

### Labour wins a tactical victory on data Bill By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

individuals covered by the Data Protection Bill.

After a ruling yeasterday by Mr John Huny, Conservative MP for Ravensbourne and chairman of the committee considering the Bill, Labour MPs were convinced there would now be a full debate on

the issue. They believe that will result from the procedural ruling which removed the committee from the impasse it reached on not to include for consideration amendments referring to manu-ally processed records.

that stored in manual form, allowing them to have a full

Labour MPs appeared to have it fell with the election. Mr won a tactical victory in their attempt to have manual files on exclusively concerned with automatic processing. In his view amendments to cover manual processing went beyond the scope of the Bill and were therefore, out of order.

Mr Hunt is, however, allowing Labour MPs to table an amendment seeking to include in the Bill data in a form capable of being processed" by equipment operating automati-cally in response to instructions

The amendment was chosen because it sought to define what Tuesday, when it adjourned acrimoniously amid Labour protests at Mr Hunt's decision protests at Mr Hunt's decision being processed" must include

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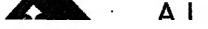
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## Anglo-Swapo response to ceasefire encourages Pretoria

A de facto ceasefire is already operating in southern Angola and northern Namibia, and a very promising climate" has been created, in which it might be possible to end hostilities permanently, Mr R. F. Botha, the Foreign Minister, said.

Reporting to foreign journal-ists here on the response of Angola and the South-West Africa People's Organization (Swapo) guerrillas to Pretoria's January 31 announcement that it was disengaging its forces in Angola, Mr Botha said that, from South Africa's point of view, it was encouraging and

If nothing happens to disturb this assessment, the next step is likely to be a meeting between Luanda and Pretoria to discuss a joint mechanism for monitoring a ceasefire and investigating alleged breaches of it.

tary rulers chose Sultan Mah-

mood Iskandar, aged 51, who has a penchant for wearing military uniforms and weapons, to succeed King Ahmad Shah.

whose term in office expires in

from their ranks every five

years, had been expected to choose Sultan Idris Shah of

Perak, but his death last week

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King yesterday.

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What is not clear is to what extent Angola will be able to negotiate and answer for Swapo. which has its bases in southern Angola. The guerrillas have been fighting for Namibia's independence for the last 17.

Mr Sam Nujoma, the Swapo leader, said on Wednesday during a visit to Rome that his guerrillas would observe "the so-called 30-day disengagement of forces provided that after 30 days there will be talks between Swapo and South Africa to sign a ceasefire".

Sultan of Johore elected King

Kuala Lumpur (Reuter) - southernmost state, emerged as ceeded his late cousin, was

meeting. He is described by political

of culpable homicide after a shooting incident in 1977, but

was later pardoned by his

title of Yang Di-Pertuan Agong as monarch of Malaysia's 13.5

million peope was removed from the Johore line of suc-

cession in 1961 for his erratic

behaviour. He was reinstated as

Crown Prince shortly before his

threw open the succession father died in 1981.

The new Sultan of Perak, The Suhan of Johor Iskandar, the ruler of Malaysia's Raja Azian Shah, who suc- tains a private army.

The man who will take the

The Sultan of Johore, a the most eligible candidate on convicted killer and head of seniority, and was selected in a Malaysia's only private army, was elected the country's new meeting.

An official announcement analysis as independent and said that Malaysia nine heredistrong-willed. He was convicted

Mr Botha, and Mr P. W. moment a ceasefire and steps are being taken, I believe, both by the South African Government and the Angolan Government to put into effect African Administrator General both by the South African
Government and the Angolan
Government, to put into effect
a ceasefire for 30 days, to be
extended beyond 30 days
hopefully," Mr Botha said.

It seems doubtful that Swapo will be prepared to negotiate these terms. It has long regarded the "internal" political parties in Namibia as Pretoria's puppets and has refused to accept them as genuine representatives of Namibian opinion. Swapo claims to be the sole authentic representative of the people.

The Foreign Minister, Mr Botha, also told journalists that South Africa would continue to insist on the removal of Cuban troops from Angola before the implementation of the United Nations plan for Namibian independence.

elected Deputy King.

The election issue has dominated Malaysian politics since last August, when the Government of Datuk Seri Dr Maha-

thir Mohamad, the Prime Minister, introduced legislation

to curb the powers of the King

The rulers opposed

changes, setting off a bitter constitutional crisis which div-

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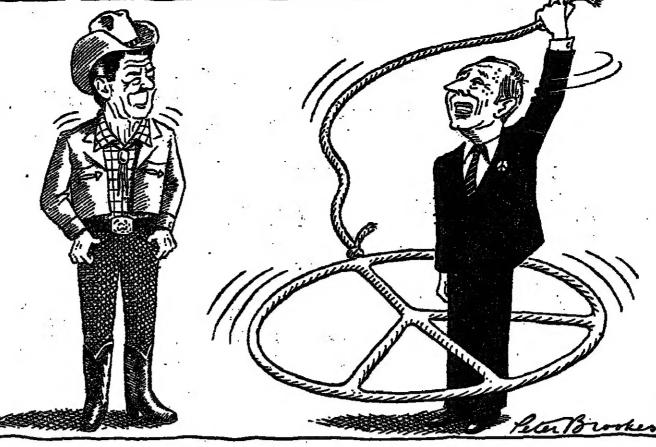
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### Kinnock in talks with **US** leaders

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From Our Own Correspondent

The crisis in Lebanon domi-nated the first day of talks which Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour Party leader, held in Washington yesterday with representatives of both political parties at the start of his six-day visit to the United States. What should have been a

ided the traditional royalist Malays. The deadlock was broken in December with a compromise which left the five-minute courtesy call on Mr Thomas "Tip" O'Neill, the House Speaker, turned into a half-hour discussion in which sultan's powers intact but prevented the King from delay-ing legislation passed by Parliaboth men agreed on the need for swift inplementation of Presi-dent Reagan's decision to remove the Marines.

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## Kohl attacked from all sides

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

Herr Manfred Worner, the embattled Defence Minister, testified again yesterday to the parliamentary inquiry into the dismissal of General Gunter Kiessling, as criticism of him and of Chancellor Helmut Kohl continued to echo down the political corridors of Bonn. Social Democrats called Herr Worner's evidence on Wednes-

day "more than unsatisfactory" and said he added nothing to what was already known. Meanwhile the press and some members of the coalition

Government have continued, openly and in private, to criticize the Chancellor's decision to retain Herr Worner in his post, Significantly the Bavarian-based Christian Social

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Union did not defend Herr criticism in Parliament yester-Kohl during the parliamentary day during a debate on his debate on the affair, and the recent visit to Israel. The Bayernkurier, the CSU organ, opposition asked awkward said Herr Kohl bore sole responsibility for what was

Comparison is pointedly being made with Herr Georg Leber, a former Social Demo-cratic Defence Minister, who was forced to resign after a scandal over illegal phone tapping by the military intelli-gence to make a scapegoat out of Herr Joachim Hiehle, the State Secretary responsible for military intelligence, who will not be returning to his job after he recovers from his present

Herr Kohi faced further

day during a debate on his recent visit to Israel. The opposition asked awkward questions about the presence in his party of a journalist who had worked on a Nazi newspaper and written an article attacking the attempt on Hitler's life. The Social Democrats accused Herr Kohl of ruining attempts to repair German relations with

the weapons systems that might be delivered to Saudi Arabia threatened Israel's security. Leading article, page 15

Jews. The Chancelor spiritedly defended his determination to establish a balanced relationship with all parties in the Middle East, and said none of

### Illness delays installation of woman Governor

From John Best

Illness has forced an indefinite postponement of the installation of Mrs Jeanne Sauve as Canada's next Governor-General.

Mrs Sauve, aged 61, has been in Ottawa General Hospital for several weeks, suffering froma respiratory ailment, complicated by an allergy to

drags.
Details of her case have been kept secret, although this week she was described as having improved after being in a serious condition.

House of Commons was to have taken over as the Queen's representative in Canada on March 5, but will not be able

to.
The present Governor-General, Mr Edward Schreyer, will remain in the post until Mrs

## The former Speaker of the Mrs Sanve: Details of case kent secret

### postponing his departure for Australia, where he is to be the new Canadian High Com-missioner. Meeting of peace groups

An international conference that it was not even put up for for the denuclearization of Europe which brought together for the first time 67 peace movements from 29 countries of East and Western Europe and North America, ended here yesterday in complete disarray. A draft communique calling for an immediate nuclear freeze,

as well as a "no-first-strike repression of pledge by all nuclear powers, started such a storm of protests nist countries.

breaks up in disarray

underlined the profound div-isions between Western peace

movements and the officiallysponsoreed peace committees in East Europe both on the causes of the nuclear deadlock and the repression of the independent peace mevements in commu-

### Koreas to meet face to face on border

Scoul - South Korea offered vesterday to meet North Korean representatives for the first time in four years and give them

Seoul's response to a northern offer of peace talks.

The Government said two officials would take to the border village of Panmunion today to deliver a message from South Korean Prime Minister. Mr Chin Ice Chong, to his newly appointed northern counterpart, Mr Kang Song

North Korea proposed last month that tripartite peace talks be held between the United States and the two Koreas.

### Bangladesh told to show officer

Dkaka (Reuter) - The Bangladesh High Court has ordered

gladesh High Court has ordered the Government to produce a leader of a bloody coup in 1975 who disappeared last month after returning from abroad. Retired Colonel Farnk Rahman, a former tank brigade officer, was a leader of the military coup in which former President Shaikh Mujibur Rahman and several members of his family were killled.

### Lisbon protest

Lisbon (Reuter) - Riot police dispersed 4,000 angry shipyard workers who blocked Lisbon's Tagus bridge for nearly an hour, demanding the payment of back

wages.

Eight people were reported to have been injured when the demonstration was broken up.

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### Appeals fail

Rangoon (Reuter) - The Burmese Supreme Court re-jected an appeal against death sentences imposed on two North Korean officers for the Rangoon bomb blasts which killed 21 people last October.

### **Boy tortured**

Moscow (Reuter) - Four men were sentenced to death for torturing and killing a 15-yearold boy while on a drunken spree in Khabarovsk.

### Hawke's tip

Peking (Reuter) - Mr Zhao Ziyang, the Chinese Prime Minister, is confident that there will be a satisfactory outcome to future of Hongkong, according to the Australian Prime Minis-ter, Mr Bob Hawke, who met Mr Zhao.

### Lucknow deaths

Delhi (Reuter) - About 40 people were believed to have drowned when a river boat capsized on the Gomati River near Lucknow.

### Porn penalty

Nairobi (AFP) - Two women were jailed for six months each at Kakamega, Kenya, for having copies of a pornographic magazine and a 1979 Playboy calendar. The sentence follows President Moi's demand this week for strict enforcement of laws against pornography.

### Changing race

Cape Town (AP) - South Africa changed the races of 690 people last year, according to official statistics. Two thirds had been coloureds (mixed race) who became white. Seventy-one blacks became enty-one blacks became Coloureds and 11 whites were classfied to other race groups.



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## The Lebanon crisis • shock waves in US • Damascus appeals to Europe • rockets hit Israel Washington anger over Reagan's role in Beirut pull-out decision

Reagan's decision to pull the American Marines out of Beirut have provoked angry criticism and shock, even among hardbitten political observers in

First, there was the revelation the President made a tentative set the withdrawal plan in decision to withdraw the Marmotion on January 21 after ines over two weeks ago. Yet he continued to maintain in public that their role remained un-

to go ahead with his planned holiday in California while his senior aides, led by Vice-President Bush, were left to preside over the biggest foreign policy setback of the Reagan Adminis-

As is to be expected the Administration is trying hard to present the events of the past few days in the best possible light. Officials maintain there has not been a significant change in US policy towards The decision to withdraw the Marines and to resort to naval

### **Druze** chief warns US on shelling

Damascus (NYT) - The Lebanese Druzè leader said here that his forces would retaliate against American diplomats and civilians in Lebanon if US warships continued their indiscriminate shelling of Druze

"We will not allow our people to be killed without taking revenge", Mr Walid Jumblatt said in an interview on Wednesday. "If they want us to be terrorists, we are ready to be terrorists: if they want us to be extremists, we are ready to

He spoke a few hours after the battleship New Jersey had fired 200 shells from its 16-inch guns towards targets in the mountains overlooking Beirut.

The Druze leader said he had telephoned the US Ambassador to urge that the shelling of Druze villages be stopped.

Two aspects of President shelling of hostile gun batteries February 1. This was the day on leagan's decision to pull the was, in the words of the State which Mr Reagan attacked Mr Department spokesman, "only a change in the pattern of redeployment and our estimate of what is the most effective way to use our forces".

According to Administration by Administration officials that officials, President Reagan first hearing a report on the situation in Lebanon from Mr Donald Rumsfeld, his special envoy.

changed and denounced critics of his Lebanon policy as advocating "surrender".

Then there was his decision the beleaguered Government of President Amin Gemayel accompanied by a phased removal of American troops.

> The package was intended more as a compromise between Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary (who wanted the troops out), and Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State (who wanted them to stay), than as a means of shoring up President Gemayer's tottering

A withdrawal plan was

Thomas O'Neill, the House Speaker and outspoken critic of the Administration policy in Lebanon, in an interview in the Wall Street Journal.

"He (O'Neill) may be ready to surrender, but I'm not," Mr Reagan remarked. "If we get out, that's the end of Lebanon.

The decision to implement the withdrawal plan was taken on Sunday after the collapse of the Lebanese Government. President Gemayel was informed on Moday. A formal announcement of

the withdrawal plan was not due to be made until Wednesday but was brought forward to Tuesday evening after word had started to leak out in Washington and from European capitals. Significantly, the announcement was not made by the President but was merely contained in a White House

press release handed to journalists late on Tuesday. This, together with the continuation of his holiday plans, is part of a deliberate attempt by White presented to the President on House aides to keep the January 26 and was approved in President as distant from the principle by the President on withdrawal decision as possible.

## Syria urges Britain to take diplomatic lead

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Syria is calling on Britain and United States does. The Euroother European countries to pean view may not correspond take a diplomatic lead in the Middle East, independently of the United States, according to sources in London.

The point has been made in three or four letters from Damascus to the Foreign Office and was underlined by President Assad when he saw Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, in Damascus last

The EEC's 1980 Venice declaration (that the Palestine Liberation Organization be associated with peace talks) would be a good starting point for negotiations, the sources said. Although a succession of American envoys had been calling in Damascus once or twice a week, they had not succeeded in coming up with any new ideas.

"Europe understands the Middle East better than the

of a UN force in Lebanon would be a matter for any Beirut government of national unity, which Syria would like to see established, or for a national reconciliation conference. Syria would accept such a decision.

Equally, Syria would accept Mr Yassir Afafat as leader of the PLO if he were chosen by the Palestine National Council. The sources said Syrian forces would remain in Lebanon until after Israeli troops had quit their positions in the

south of the country. The May 17 withdrawai 17 withdrawai agreement between Israel and Lebanon But there could be no lasting peace between Israel and the

Arabs while the power gap between the two sides remained



Faces of war. General James Joy, commander of the US Marines in Beirut, and Muslim fighters outside St Michael's

Likud embarrassed as

rockets hit Galilee

For buly the second time . LONDON: Israeli military

versial Lebanon war was to ling the SS21s, which have a make northern Israel free from range of 75 miles, across the

in 1982.

From Our Own Correspondent, Jerusalem

### **Thatcher** defends evacuation decision

By Philip Webster Political Reporter

The Prime Minister yester-day defended in the Commons the decision to withdraw British troops ; from Beirnt before the evacuation of British subjects from Lebanon.

She told MPs that from their beadquarters the British troops would have been unable to help British civilians in West Beirut. They were better able to help them from the Royal Fleet Auxiliary Reliant, to which they were moved, Mrs Thatcher: said it had

been right to withdraw the British contingent rather than to leave them in a dangerous and exposed position. They were unable to carry out the task which had been allocated to them of safeguarding the bank where the ceasefire talks were taking place (there had been none since January 16) and patrolling in West Beirut, which had become impossible.

## Sharon hopes to lead Israel

Sharon, Israel's former Defence Minister, announced unexpec-tedly yesterday that he hopes to be the country's next Prime Minister, and to that end will submit himself for election as attempts to make a political the next leader of the right wing comeback. Last month he

Herut Party.

Herut, which is at present led by Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, is the dominant. grouping withing the ruling right-wing Likud coalition. If Mr Sharon were to succeed in toppling Mr Shamir when the next vote is taken (no date is fixed or expected for such a contest in its central committee), he would automatically become Likud candidate for Prime Minister.

Mr Sharon, who is 55, made his announcement while speaking to students in Tel Aviv. It was seen as a defiant gesture at a time when he is under intense frequently complained loudly political attack after allegations about being under-employed in

since the invasion of Lebanon

in June, 1982, Soviet-built

yesterday from Lebanon into

northern Galilee, forcing Jewish

residents of the border town of Metalla to flee to their shelters.

Although there were no casualties, the attack was an embarrassing setback for the

Likud Government, which has often boasted that the main

Last night, the military

commandd confirmed that two

craters had been found in the Metulla region, and a third across the border in Lebanon.

A big army search, including

helicoopters, was launched to

find the source of the attack which was initially thought to

have originated from territory

under Israeli control. The

rockets have a range of about

cross-border terrorism.

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A year after being con-demned by the Kahan report on the Beirut massacres. Mr Ariel both the Cabinet and Knesset from his colleagues, even some during the Lebanon war, of wing of Israeli politics. which he was the chief architect.

So far, Mr Sharon, Israel's most controversial politician has repeatedly failed in his comeback. Last month, he suffered a humiliating defeat when he stood for the elected post as head of the Jewish Agency's immigration depart-

On the recommendation of the Kahan commission, Mr Sharon was dismissed from his post as Defence Minister 12 months ago and demoted to Minister without Portfolio. The fact he was kept on in the Government was criticized by many opposition politicians who claimed it contravened the spirit of the report's recommendations.

Since then, Mr Sharon has

intelligence has found evidence of mobile missiles, manned by

Soviet troops in the Bekaa

Valley in northern Lebanon

(Henry Stanhope writes).
The missiles are understood

to be the SS21s, ground-launched replacements for the

elderly Frog missiles, which

have been in Russian service for

According to sources here,

range of 75 miles, across the Syrian border. Their presence is

considered to be an "escalating

Russia has about 7,000 "advisers" in Syria, according

to Jerusalem estimates. The number went up from 5,000

when the Sam 5s were deployed

The SS21s are among the latest generation of Soviet missiles which have been

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step" by the Israelis.

from his colleagues, even some of those on the extreme right

His political behaviour has been described as increasingly erratic, but his loyal aides remain convinced that he still has an important role to play.

Although the former general enjoys considerable grass roots support in the extreme right wing Herut movement, political observers said last night that it was extremely unlikely that he coud win any leadership con-test. But his candidature could badly divide the party and even further disunite the Likud.

When Mr Shamir was elected last year to succeed Mr Menachem Begin, Mr Sharon advised his supporters to back him against the other candidate, Mr David Levy, and has since been resentful of receiving no politi-

### Rabat to renew Cairo ties

Officials said the two leaders disussed the possible re-League, but no action would be taken before the next summit. President Mubarak is due to meet President Mitterrand in

Rabat (AP) - King Hassan of Morocco and President Mubarak of Egypt have agreed to resume diplomatic relations, broken since Egypt's 1978 Camp David agreements with Israel, sources said yesterday.

No date was fixed for the resumption of ties nor was it certain that the agreement would be mentioned in today's joint communique at the end of President Mubarak's four-day official visit, the sources said.

All Arab states, with the exception of Oman, Sudan and Somalia, broke relations with Egypt after Camp David under a joint decision of the Arab

edmission of Egypt to the Arab

decision to remove the Marines from Beirut presages complete disengagement in the area then a UN presence would be desirable. But if a continuing military effort is envisaged then UN peacekeeping forces could have the effect of restricting

difficult for the marines to return to Beirut if deemed necessary. Suggestions that the multinational peacekceping troops, including the withdrawn British contingent, could return to Beirut wearing the blue berets of UN peacekeepers is unlikely to gain the approval of either the Soviet Union, should it give the green light to a force at all, or the Muslim militias. The latter

**UN** search

for new

peace force

formula From Zeriana Pysariwsky New York At the behest of France, the

United Nations Security Council met for private consultations

last night in search of a formula

that would allow UN peace.

keepers to replace the multina-

consultations "exploratory"

illuminated the overwhelming

degree of difficulty that the

initiative was expected to

encounter. Practically every party which is either directly

involved or an active obsever in

the Lebanese conflict has placed its own conditions and ob-stacles to an UN presence in

ciple among the five permanent members of the Security Concil any pursuit in the face of Soviet

objections would prove aca-

Diplomats believe that Mos-

cow will continue to block moves to bring the UN to Beirut until the United States

acknowledges a Soviet role and

brings it into the Middle East dialogue. With the political mood in Washington marked

by enmity and diplomatic competitiveness with Moscow,

such a move seems unlikely.

The Soviet Union is perfectly

happy to watch from the sidelines as the West struggles

in the Lebanese quagmire. At

the same time, it is in a position

to act as Syria's broker in the

Council and invoke Syrian objections to a UN force based

on the premise that the strife in

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tional peace forces in Beirut.

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found the multinational force

the political intricacies of the Council Señor Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the UN Secretary-

General, has set further prerequisities, including reconciliation and agreement among all the warring Lebanese factions. He has also stated that a request for a UN force in Beirut must come from the Lebanese Government

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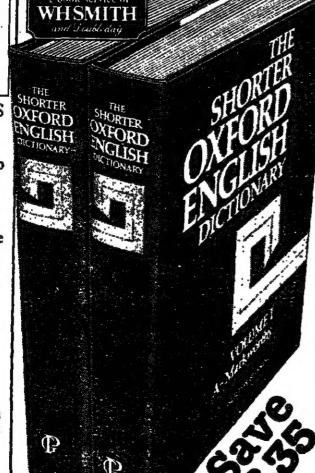
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### Salvadorean rebels offer peace plan

From Martha Honey San José, Costa Rica

The Salvadorean guerrillas yesterday presented a plan for peace negotiations "without preconditions" with representa-Government, the Army and the United States.

A spokesman in Costa Rica for the FMLN-FDR front called

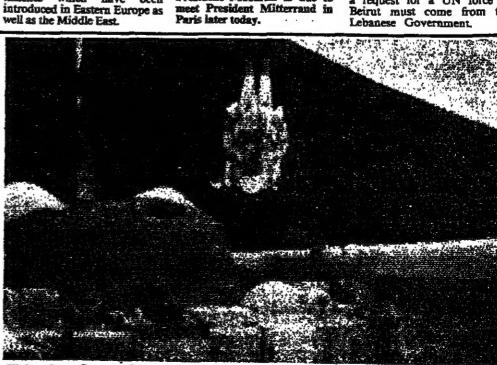
the plan "a political bomb-shell", arguing that its "highly conciliatory" nature should make it acceptable to both the United States and the Salvadorean right.

The plan, made public at a press conference in Mexico City, proposes negotiations aimed at forming a broad-based provisional government in El Salvador composed of represen-tatives of the guerrillas, political parties, the Army, the business sector, workers, farmers and students. Among its tasks would be to draw up a provisional constitution and organize democratic elections.

The proposed negotiations would also lead to the withdrawal of US military advisers, a ceasefire and the unification of the Salvadorean and guerrilla

The United States argues that it is not a party to the conflict, and should act as a mediator in any talks between the Salvado-rean Government and the guerrillas, but the FMLN-FDR official said that, under the rebel plan, impartial mediators "acceptable to all parties" would be selected to participate

The proposal comes at a time when the guerrillas have been making spectacular military



Flying free: Captain Bruce McCandless appears upside down alongside Challenger's tailplane during exercises yesterday. The Earth is in the background

### Fourth shuttle setback as robot arm fails

The space shuttle Challenger tice for retrieving satellites. suffered its fourth setback yesterday when a "free-fly" by two astronants was abandoned

because of a fault in the craft's rebot arm.
Captain Bruce McCandless
and Lieutenant-Colonel Robert

Stewart, the first men to fly in space without being tethered to a spaceship, were to have practised chasing a spinning satellite. But the Challenger's remote-control arm developed a fault in one of the joints.

The arm was to have lifted a pallet above the Challenger and spin it slowly while the astronauts flew to it and tried to attach a docking device. The exercise was intended as prac-

which normally spin slowly fo Although the manoeuvre was abandoned, the astronauts re-

hearsed docking with the pallet while it remained in Chal-lenger's hold. They wore the backpacks that earlier this week allowed them to manoeuvre freely in space. Captain McCandless was the

first to fly around the hold yesterday. He did several docking exercises with the

pallet.

The high spot of the mission, the tenth by the shuttle, was the flight using the backpacks for the first time, but almost every other exercise has gone wrong.

### General leaves the Greens From Our Own Correspondent

General Gert Bastian, a leading member of the Greens party, told his parliamentary colleagues yesterday he was leaving the party, as he threatened to do last month, because of profound disagreements over its development and policies.

He said in a letter to the

parliamentary faction that this "difficult step" did not mean his rejection of the Green movement, which he still considered necessary, but be-cause the party had not been able to improve its structural

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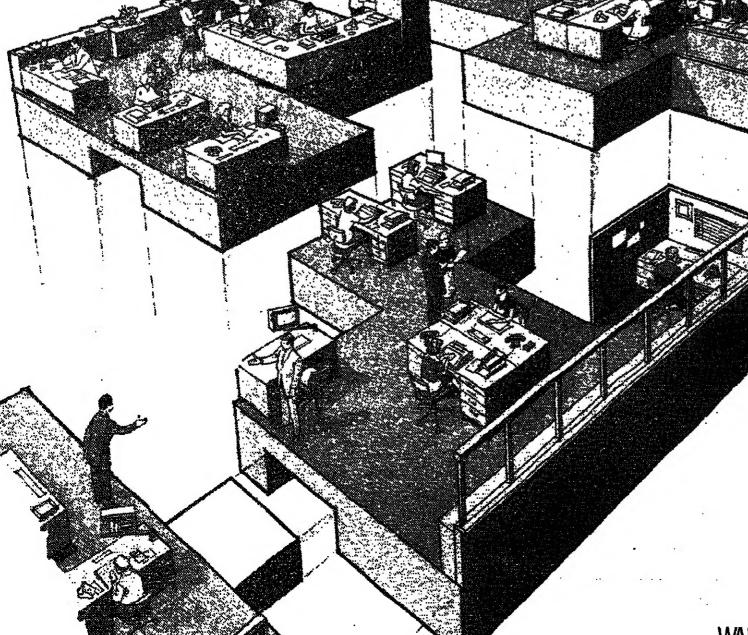
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## Alfonsín sets watchdog to investigate corruption charges against military

**OVERSEAS NEWS** 

tion which occurred under the same military regime it is large-scale human rights violations.

state agency to investigate dential decree states that ment was preparing an official economic crimes and irregularities to the detriment of the national interest which may have been committed by officials of the (military) Government" which ruled from 1976 until December 10 last

Justifying the measure, President Alfonsin said in a decree issued on Wednesday night that "many officials of the de facto regime have been accused of multiple and extremely serious irregularities and crimes which affect the national patrimony".

A number of former officials have already been charged with economic corruption in cases now being tried by both military and civilian courts, but the new

Lahore (Reuter) - Pakistan's

enrich uranium and hinted it

Western countries' monopoly

Mr Abdul Qadir Khan said in

an interview published here. Mr

Khan told the Urdu-language daily Nanu-I-Waqt that Pakis-

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on the enrichment of uranium.

Pakistan has broken the disappoint the nation."

The Government of Presidence would centralize all lands dispute with Britain that dent Raul Alfonsin has launevidence of corruption in the might imply an acceptance of ched an investigation into office of the National Pros- British sovereignty economic crimes and corrup- ecutor for Administrative Investigations, the Government's beginning of conversations with watchdog agency.

clude civilian functionaries of cignty". Señor Caputo said The Government has asked a the military regime. The Presipunishment for possible crimes response to the "specific ideas" "is a fundamental measure to proposed by Britain to normadeter future criminal conduct. lize relations, which he said thereby moralizing public ad- include reestablishing commerministration",

The decreee hints that the return of the bodies of Argeninvestigation may focus on tine soldiers killed on the with the country's \$43,7 billion (£31 billion) foreign debt, which plan to reinitiate British-Argenthe military, and on the into account the defortification payment of illegal commissions of the Malvinas and the on public works projects re- consideration of the rights of garded as "superfluous and the Argentines on the islands".

Hint of Pakistani atom bomb

leading nuclear scientist said interest of the country's solidation four-year jail term. Mr Khan vesterday his country could now rity, the President of Pakistan denied the charges.

were in extreme need and gave

by an Amsterdam court for

"We cannot accept that the Great Britain should be tacit The investigation is to in- admission of British sover-He added that his Govern-

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with the country's \$43,7 billion Schor Caputo said that any grew disproportionately under tine negotiations "must take

Falklands impasse: Señor tina "will continue to exert its Dante Caputo, the Foreign imagination and goodwill" to Minister, has again stated find a way of reestablishing the Argentina's unwillingness to situation which existed before begin discussions on the Falk- the 1982 war.

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India, Pakistan's main mili-

But he added: "If in the tenced him in his absence to a

the team of scientists an signatory to the nuclear non-

important mission, it would not disappoint the nation." proliferation treaty, has long been eager to obtain its own

attempting to steal uranium tary and political rival, ex-correshment secrets from a ploded a nuclear device in 1974.

research centre in The Nether- But Mr Khan said Delhi had

lands where he once worked, now lost its lead in nuclear The court convicted him of technology and was far behind

Mr Khan was tried last year enrichment facilities.

## war' claims more lives

Victory salute: Masked Turkish political refugees give themselves up after occupying the

Turkish National Airlines office in central Athens for two hours yesterday in protest

against the military authorities in Ankara.

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

yesterday claimed responsibility for Wednesday night's murder of two suspected Basque terrorists living in south-west France. the start today of the general An anonymous telephone election campaign in the Basque caller spoke in Spanish and country and the meeting French. The killings, which between Spanish and French occurred just across the frontier ministers, this weekend, thus in Hendaye, were, the caller indicated, in revenge for the recent killings by ETA's military wing Army general in Madrid. GAL had previously threatened to take two lives for killed on Wednesday is undertook by the head of the lives for the l threatened to take two lives for every person killed by ETA.

The mysterious "Anti-terror- factory strikes to protest against activists on terrorist missions to pass across the frontier undevesterday claimed responsibility in many Basque towns. This latest cruption of the so-called "dirty war" comes before

forcing to the fore the issue

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Ouestioned in Parliament last week Senor Jose Barriouvuevo, the Interior Minister, could not identify the men behind GAL. but all the killings show the group has access to excellent information about ETA. Ministry sources have denied

any police involvement. This leaves as the prinicipal suspect Basque industrialists, who have suffered from ETA's so-called "revolutionary tax" blackmail and may have hired pro-

### Senate and House elections

## Democrats aim to regain lost ground

Nicholas Ashford, concluding his two-part series from Washington, looks at the nonpresidential prizes to be won in

Although presidential election inevitably attract most public attention in the US and overseas, important contests will also be taking place on November 6 to fill all 435 scats in the House of representatives. 33 Senate seats and 13 state

"Control" will be the dominant theme in the congressional elections. For the Republican Party, the most important task will be to keep control of the Senate, which it unexpectedly captured in 1980. As President Reagan remarked recently: "Nothing matters more than

keeping the Senate." The Republicans will also seek to reduce the Democrats' sizable majority in the House, although they stand no chance of gaining a majority.

For the Democrats the Senate offers the most tempting target. Although Republicans hold a 55 to 45 advantage. Democrats appear confident they can gain the six seats needed to assure them control. Of the 33 Senate seats being contested (the winners will retain their seats for six years). 19 are held by Republicans, of which up to 10 could be in serious jeopardy.

By contrast, most of the 14 Democratic seats being con-tested are considered fairly safe. However, a combination of a reviving economy, a strong reelection campaign by President Reagan and plenty of Republican money could produce some surprise upsets.

in the House, the Democrats will strive to retain the comfortable majority they es-tablished in the 1982 mid-term election by winning 26 scats from the Republicans, giving them a lead of 268 to 167. (House seats are held for a twoyear term). Although they had retained a majority after the 1980 elections, they temporarily lost working control of the House because of President Reagan's ability to persuade conservative Southern Democrats - known as "boll weevils" - to support his economic

Of the 13 governors' seats up for election this year, seven are held by Republicans, almost half their national total of 15. The Republicans will be lucky to hold their own in the gubernatorial races.

In the Senate the most prominent target for the Demo-

of North Carolina, a leading congressional conservative and confident of President Reagan, who is being strongly challenged by Governor James

Other scats Democrats are confident of capturing are those being vacated by Senator Howard Baker (Tennessee), the Senate Majority Leader, and Senator John lower (Texas), chairman of the armed services committee. Both states are traditionally Democratic.

Also high on the Democrats' list of targets are Senate seats for Illinois, Iowa, New Mexico and South Carolina.

Two Democratic senators will not been seeking reelection. They are Senator Jennings Randolph, of West Virginia, who is retiring and Senator Paul Tsongas, of Massachusetts, who is quitting because of ill-health. Both seats appear securely Democratic, but the Republicans believe they have a chance of seizing Senate seats from the Democrats in Michigan, Montana and Virginia.

Miller.

Neither party is forecasting big opsets in the House and it is possible that as many as 400 of the 434 members (one seat is vacant) will be back when the ninety-ninth Congress; conclection is going to be boring on the House side. Mr Maran Franks, director of the Democrats' House campaign committee. said.

Both parties will be concentrating efforts on the freshmen (52 Democrats, 24 Republicans) elected in 1982. The Republicans are also planning a hear ity-financed campaign to unsent of James Jones (Okla-homa), chairman of the House budget committee, and believe they have a chance of outline Mr Donaid Albostal with is heading the inquiry into the purloining of President Car-er's 1980 debate papers, from his Michigan constituency,

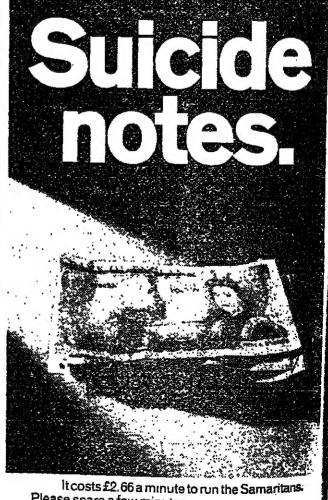
The Democrats hope to ous Mr Robert Michel, House Minority Leader, who narrowly survived a strong challenge in his Illinois district in 1982, Mr Daniel Carne, also of Illipois, and Mr George Hansen, of Idaho. They also believe increased black voter regis-tration could tip the balance in their favour in several Southern

In the gubernatorial races, Republicans will face strong challenges in Missouri and Washington, while the Democrats could lose West Virginia, where Governor Jay Rockefeller is forbidden a third consecutive term.

Concluded



Republican Senators Howard Baker (left), who is retiring. and Jesse Helms, an important target for the Democrats.



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"What is a room? Four artists were reply or told him to come back in five 'Design furniture that could be manuasked to design a room each and they came up with four wildly different ideas, from the chill of an operating theatre to a sculpture like a tree house. Today they go on public display. BERYL DOWNING reports.

"Four Rooms" opens today at Libcrty's in London. Michael Regan, exhibition organizer at the Arts Council, wanted to commission four rooms which were artistic statements but which also involved objects that that the objects in them took a could be made and sold. He wrote to a secondary role but contributed to the dozen stores, of which 11 either did not whole environment. I didn't say,

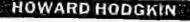
They had forgotten, perhaps, that artists could be designers. After all, before the Second World War, Graham Sutherland and Dufy designed textiles and Ben Nicholson designed ceramics. Liberty, though, have always worked with artist/designers and were happy to organize the selling and host the show.

"The brief was totally open", says Regan. "I gave the height and dimensions only and said go away and think about the function of a room.

"I wanted them to be art works so

factured'. I said 'Design objects for your own room and then we'll see whether any manufacturer is inter-

"Although some objects are for sale, I wanted the rooms to work as art, with a life of their own. I was worried they might produce terribly domestic in-teriors and I am pleased that the results are four startlingly different rooms. They are not rooms you could live in, but they make you think about how we decorate and how we occupy the space we live in." There is, of course, something unusual about an Arts Council exhibition appearing in a commercial department store, but this has not affected the art one bit.



Howard Hodgkin, painter and print-maker, has been chosen to represent Britain at next year's Venice Biennale. He uses thick blocks of colour almost like building bricks and his favourite blob motif is represented in his crowded, tented room by paw marks and leopard prints. The whole room is like an over-stuffed sofa and is crammed with furniture all round the walls - squashy chairs and sofas in blue glazed chintz inter-spersed with low plywood tables painted with paw marks. These look spontaneous, but were carefully applied under Hod-win's instruction by Nicholes gkin's instruction by Nicholas Gammon, building up layers of diluted acrylic paint, painted wet on wet to achieve the depth of finish. The lamps are in patinated bronze and the contrast of the unlovely white vinyl floor emphasizes the luxurions effect of the other materials used. The deep blue of the walls continues over the ceiling giving the impression of a cocoon and two doors allow viewers to walk straight through.

which was a room which was sufficiently fantastic and sufficiently non-specific to enable visitors to make what they wanted of it. I wanted it to be surreal and claustrophobic, with lots of chairs so that people could sit down anywhere and relax. I chose blue because it is a very romantic colour and goods for batch production.

flattering to human flesh - it is also quite exotic and was used a lot in classical interiors,

I thought it would be fun to design for production but it wasn't. I wanted to design simple products - to find lights that look like lights is impossible - but having designed them, the price put on them by the manufacturers seems exhor-bitant. It seemed very strange that one was expected to produce designs without any reference to the price they would sell at. If one had been a trained designer for industry surely one wouldn't have been kept in the dark. Why the white floor? Ah, that's to give the game away. It would have looked too much like a real

This room is cunningly placed between the unreal world of the artist's imagination and the comforting familiarity of Liberty's furniture department. The lavish use of fabric gives an opulence which has a physical effect. effect - I saw the room first in an unheated warehouse. I returned, frozen, to this tent to get warm - a total illusion. The most domestic of the interiors. it emphasizes the particularly sad point that British manufacturers consider artists as incidental intellectuals rather than as commercial contributors. even when they are designing



### ANTHONY CARO

Anthony Caro is the only sculptor of the group, and he has an international reputation for huge abstract work involving steel girders and giant metal discs. His tower room in Japanese eak is based on one of his original bronzes. The angled turret is poised on a column reached by a twisting stairway built above an intricate network of supports. There is not a single plane that corresponds to the next - everything is a visual and physical surprise that invites further exploration. The cylindrical space which the sculpture encloses is amply big enough for a child - barely for an adult. Cones like telescopes emerge from the space like a ship's crow's nest.

I was interested in the sculptural problems of what it is like to inhabit a space. What it feels like to sit down. stand, climb, walk, Children have a consciousness of the volume they are inhabiting and we lose it as we get older So I tried to create all sorts of interesting spaces to go through, holes to look through, and I wanted it to be for adults, I wanted people to be able to sit there in the barrel and look throught the tubes, and I wanted the floor to slope and be hairy. I didn't want it to be comfortable. Sculpture is my language, but in order to make a sculpture about feeling I have to use space and material and form. If we became more aware of space we would get more enjoyment from buildings and from sculptures. With sculpture your eyes do the walking. Here your body goes the feeling.

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Caro's tower is, literally, the most sensational of the four inventions. The feel of the structure is quite different from its appearance. He was limited by the height restriction, but it works for small adults as well as for children. As you climb into it the scale changes and you have to turn and twist, duck under arches, shrink through too-narrow spaces, stand safely on a platform one minute and suddenly feel unsafe when you step on to the unexpectedly sloping floor. If you accept the view put by Richard Hamilton that "the creation of a room of; one's own is among the most revealing things we do", this experience of self-discovery is enough justification for the whole exhibition.



### MARC CHAIMOWICZ

Each component is functional, yet the whole is an intellectual exercise, a room to be contemi to become a sculpture. Behind it is a corner sideboard slightly derivative of the 1930s, in another corner a inset and projecting drawers, and sofa bed with a sweeping overhead arm echoing the lines of the desk. A narrow panel of Of all the rooms this was the stained glass and back-lit one that felt most like a pierced cross in one wall give a painting. The fact that it was feeling of ecclesiastical calm. sharply contrasted with a giant evant. It would have given the screen showing slides of the people who might occupy such a room. It is presented like a museum room, to be considered, not enjoyed, with observers deliberately excluded from the room space. The lighting is cold and uninviting, further adding to the room's forbidding atmos-

I have a great regard for the architectural profession at its best. Architects deal with reality in a way that artists don't it's a question of function rather than symbols and metaphor. I have also been attracted more and more by the lost tradition of artists working

Marc Chaimowicz has produced commercially with manufacthe most paradoxical interior, turers. There is something intriguing about the anonymity of presenting drawings to a textile manufacturer and then plated rather than felt. The being surprised later to see them visitor observes from a corridor in 10 different colours. There and looks into a cool, grey space are tangible benefits in the bisected by a screen, with a desk cooperation between artist and which pivots into place for use commerce. I don't have any pretensions about changing the world. I am just fascinated by the issues of who one works for, who is one's public and how sloping chest with alternating does one price one's work. It's a sort of town and gown relationship.

> three dimensional was irrelsame impression of cool soli-tude had it been presented in tempera, so it certainly worked as art. But it was also a brilliantly innovative piece of design. The desk in its tilted form has a false perspective so that you can look at it for a considerable time without being able to work out how it assumes a conventional posture. The most functional piece is the sloping chest of drawers which could fit any modern interior and to accommodate the other pieces you would need a mini Musée des Arts Modernes, but if you have one, the pieces are all beautifully made to order by



### RICHARD HAMILTON.

founders of pop art, has been lify it as mines so it must involved in the interpretation of have style after all.

Tomorrow exhibition of 1956.

I doubt whether many Liberty But what he describes as "the brash expectation of the fifties" has developed into a bleak view of today's negative society. His room is not domestic. It is an operating theatre with a stainess steel sink for the surgeon to wash his hands of us, and with the all-seeing, unseeing eye of Mrs Thatcher on the menacing close circuit screen surveying the bed. As you pass beyond the X-ray screen you are meant to sense the protected power of the operator separate and unin-

At first I thought of the project as a statement of non-style, rather than as a political statement. I have spent t lot of my time being involved with highly styled interiors and stylishly presented exhibitions which have been works of abstract art in themselves, so this time I wanted to make a room which had no decorative or aesthetic content. I actually expected it to be a little more off-putting than it has turned out. It has an impersonal quality but I actually like the look of it. I now find it rather beautiful. Having made a design to produce an ugly space it withered in trying to carry it through. But people who see the

Richard Hamilton, one of the room would immediately ident-

I doubt whether many Liberty disciples will know what to make of this one. It is an interior but it is not design, unless you consider all politics not commercial or reproduc-table or desirable. It is threatening and stark and unsympathetic and so is as valid a comment on a section of 1984 society as Orwell's prophecy was. If it makes visitors feel uncomfortable, it will have achieved its aim and so justified its inclusion, if only as a contrast to the decorative interpretations. But for me the aftertaste is inappropriate - as if your son's best man were not only making embarrassing jokes but canvassing votes.

Four Rooms is at Liberty. Regent Street, London WI until March 10 and then at the following art galleries: Wolverhampton, April 7 - May 13; Southampton, May 26 - July 8; Newport, July 21 - August 26; Aberdeen, September 8 - October 7 and Mappin Art Gallery, Sheffield, October 20 - Novemb er 18. The fabrics are in production by Warners, wallpapers by Coles, Marc Chaimo wicz's fyrniture by Pearl Dot to order, and Howard Hodgkin's furniture and lamps by Aram.

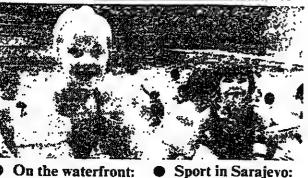
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## Pearl Dot, The wrong climate for dates

It has been apparent for some time, except to meteorologists, that the prevailing climatic conditions no longer match the calendar. In fact the whole system has slipped out of whack by a month. What we historically recognize to be December's weather arrives in January, January's in February

and so on round the year.

Already the opening matches of recent cricket seasons, in late April, have succumbed to the new ruling. "Cold stopped play". The season for football, our "winter game", starts in what is effectively July. It could get worse. One need only think back as far as January 25, when by rights the entire country should have been enjoying a white Christmas. (December 25, you will recall, was recognizably part of the season of mists and suchlike, with leaves still falling off the trees and carol singers vainly pretending to shiver on your doorstep.) Something has to be done. As far as I can see, only two possibilities exist. One is that by public statute, a suitable month - August, for argument's sake - should be doubled in length, giving us all four weeks' extra holiday, a bonus Premium Bond draw,

and a month's free subscription

however... Russell Davies

to The Times. By the end of Augmentagust, as it would be known for convenience, the seasonal slippage would have been corrected and September's conditions restored to their rightful place in our expec-

However, serious difficulties attach themselves to this attractive plan. Chief among them is the problem of squaring the change with the EEC. Though it is highly likely that our Continental neighbours are experiencing the same wonky unseasonability as we are (witness the number of ski races these days that have to be held on artificial Soapislope surfaces), it is overwhelmingly improbable that the French, for one, would admit it: they like to appear to be in control of such things. Besides, while it is true that individuals and their families would enjoy Augmentagust just as much as the English, the French government would surely not be happy at the prospect of leaving Paris deserted for more than 60 Britain could, of course, go it

alone and declare unilateral

with the fact that at any given moment it would be, say, September in England and October on the Continent, the French government could be relied upon to ban consignments of British lamb on the grounds that they had taken a month to get from Dover to Calais, and must therefore be unpalatable. While this objection would be easy to set aside (by pickling the offending imports in mint sauce), others of a similar kind would follow, as sure as eggs are (pending Euro-council ratification) ocufs.

All in all, the other solution might be less trouble in the long run - namely a frank admission by church, state, press and populace that Things Have Changed, and that our cherished festivals must simply be shifted by one month to new and more appropriate times. Is a Christmas on January 25 too awful to contemplate? Is there something inherently uninviting about phrases like "the

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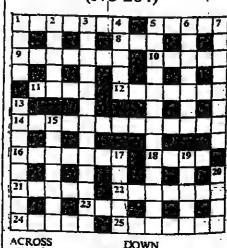
yet more obstructive, especially

February sales" or "the Ides of April"? I think not.

Sundry benefits, indeed, could accrue from this simple displacement of dates. Kurt Weill's "October Song" might find a whole new army of fans (if that is the expression) beyond the Iron Curtain. Devotees of the long-running musical The Fantasticks might not be so enthusiastic over the loss of "Try to remember the kind of September ..... but I feel sure they would derive an even deeper satisfaction from "Try to keep sober at least till October...", once they had got, or gotten, used to it.

But there is no need to take things too far. Nobody in our lifetime is likely to be heard crooning "I'm as corny as Kansas in September, high as the flag on the Fourth of August". We in England just want to, as they say, regularize our own position. We can start by enlisting the support of television personalities like the lovely Feb Leeming. I think we can count on the backing of Conservative pressure groups like the Tuesday Club and the 1923 Committee. And with the support of The Times and its september readership, we will april forward to face the future, come what june.

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## FRIDAY PAGE

Audrey Slaughter reports on the latest lucrative bisiness scheme - running homes for the elderly

# Cashing in on the granny boom

growing dd is one of the few growth areas in the economy. There are more gannies, and grandfathers (though thanks 10 female longevity there an fewer of them) today than ever before, but there are fewer people if look after them. Smaller families so there are fewer children to take pare of elderly relatives), smaller louses (so there is less room to swin a granny), and careerminded aughters (who find it even more dificult to obtain an au pair for their ging mothers than for their toddlers have cut the number of the family, but better health his meant the elderly live on and en

Small cale entrepreneurs used to find holday homes, caravan sites and lauderettes a good, troublefree, lucative outlet for their capital: very lifle managerial skills or attentior needed, no special qualifications. Today, with an eye on Britain saging population, they find to their urprise and delight that a private 4d people's home is highly and, thanks to some extremel lax regulations, almost anyone on slap a bit of paint on a redundar motel and open a "Twiligh Home", as they are dubbed h the US. Provided fire regulation are observed, the overworked leal authority is not strict about regitering a home - it has not the staff of the budget to carry out systematic inspections. One matron of a Belfordshire home calmly shipped di her surplus residents when the local social services, inspector was expected, dumping them with variety of ex-employees

until the danger of being charged with overcrowding was over. Nat-urally this varies from authority to authority, but on the whole the social services department, faced with taking infirm and confused old people into homes in the public sector, is only too happy to have the pressure eased by a private entrepre-

"I made up my mind never to be a burden to anyone," said my 92-year-old spinster aunt and, with the same firmness and organizational skill she had used in running her village church, county council and front-line hospital in two world wars, checked out the options and installed herself in a private residential home for old people. She was tired of the problems of running her own too-large home and garden and was firm in her resolve not to live with me.

Unfortunately, the brochures describing old people's homes are about as accurate as an estate agent's. Having settled on one within visiting distance of her friends, my aunt was shown around by a gracious woman wearing a sympa thetic smile and an artful if unearned white medical coat. She readily agreed that my aunt could bring her own bed and favourite armchair. The chairlift sliding up the long flight of stairs, the sun lounge and the television room were prominantly featured. Mention was made of night staff. Satisfied with the facilities my aunt (paradoxically shocked by the wages/colour television/use of car demanded by housekeepers) calmly agreed to pay almost £200 a week for a room and

bathroom. The room is largely furnished with her own things, something which she finds a comfort - and so does the proprietor, whose capital outlay is thus reduced.

That was the last my aunt saw of the gracious lady, except for one brief moment when she bustled in without knocking to show my aunt's room to new prospectives. In the two years she has been there she has changed from an autocratic old dear with a keen intelligence and sharp sense of humour, to a tired and defeated old lady waiting for death. "Please God I won't be here next spring, next Christmas, next spring, next Christmas, next month," she says with distressing frequency, huddled in a chair, smothered in rugs and clutching a hot water bottle.

The home's brochure talks about a family atmosphere. The family must be a very strange one. The home is staffed by a series of part-time village women who are kindly enough, but preoccupied with their own families and anxious to get back to them. There's no time to stop and chat and cheer. Meal times and help with baths are efficient, but perfunctory. The food is abysmal - tough stews, badly cooked vegetables and invariably a commercial ice cream which may be kind to dentures, but is short on nutrition and imagin-

Visitors are discouraged from coming at tea-time because of the strain on the domestic staff (a euphemism for the part-timers) who are apparently overwhelmed by the task of providing thick cups of even thicker brownish fluid and a dry biscuit or two. When we visit, we



take a picnic of a decent grade of tea in the fine china cups my aunt misses so much. In fact, it is the utilitarian slop of the china and catlery which most of the inhabitants feel so keenly. The "24-hour medical staffing" claimed in the brochure is, in reality, a 70-year-old retired nurse dozing in the kitchen, but willing to bring a comforting cup of tea in the middle of the night if during the day and sleep fitfully as a

My aunt has had three falls since
The first time she has been there. The first time was during the night, when she tripped on a dangerous bedside rug on her way to the bathroom and, out of reach of her bell, lay there helpless and cold until breakfast was served at 8am. The second time she fell from her high, old-fashioned bed required - one of the few thoughtful during an afternoon nap and touches for old people who nap a lot fractured her pelvis. She was

When choosing a residential home, look for brightness and bustle. Graveyard gloom, with just some old person shuffling behind their zimmer frame, means staff are few or indifferent.

Safety - beware of loose rugs. nnexpected steps to garden or bathroom, awkward stairs, old wiring. Age Concern has researched

Visit the public rooms. Rows of senile old people staring into space and mumbling has a depressing effect. Chairs should be in informal groups with tables for books, cards or knitting.

Is there contact with the local community? With small encouragement local drama groups, choirs, or youth clubs will bring plays and concerts to the home. Talk - alone - to existing residents.

A refusal to let you would be highly

If the district is new to you, the local newspaper may have carried stories about the home. Ask if you can see their cuttings library.

May the prospective resident take ssions with them like pictures, a chair? Are there flowers about? Fish tanks for interest? A garden to wander in ? Are visitors allowed to drop in at any reasonable time? Quiz the proprietor. Do they live on the premises, are they qualified? One proprietor, three times a bankrupt, had merely run a small

shop and a filling station and had no qualified help at all. At the other end of the scale, like St Audrey's at Coll Hill, Dorset, the proprietor is a qualified nurse, his wife an excellent cook and they are backed up with kindly, trained help. There are good homes such as these around, but one needs to do careful homework to find

unceremoniously bundled off to a

But she is lucky. She could have been born without a private income and in that era when companies did not provide pension schemes - like Nelbe, featured in one of the excellent BBC Brass Tacks docu-mentaries last October called "Tender, loving neglect". Nellie, arthritic, infirm, lived alone on an impersonal council estate sometimes forgetting to eat, often finding the effort of

fitting a plug into a kettle to make herself a cup of tea too much for ber-Watching the film of her palsied hands endeavouring to pour boiling water into a teapot, one almost wished she wouldn't try. Nellie desperately wished for a place in a home. "I must be able to be some. help on my good days," she offered, but she had to come to terms with the fact that there were 38 people ahead of her in a queue for one place in the local authority home.

In the same film, former ballerina Lady Maria Holly and her com-panion had taken themselves off to a private home, like my aunt, "Why did you give up your indepen-dence?" reporter Tony Wilson asked "I don't know what to say about independence really," Lady Holly said matter-of-factly, "because when you're old, you're not independent." Certainly my aunt, for all her comparative wealth, is not independent, "Don't complain," she begged of me when I was indignant about the lack of interest from the proprietor and the indifferent efforts of the cook, "They'll only ask me to go if I'm a nuisance. At least if you're dying here they don't turn you out. Some places do. As soon as our ill they pack you off to hospital. Here, I can die in my own bed."

It is obvious that with our aging population, the problem of care is going to become even more acute. For reasonably active pensioners there's a lot to be said for the small, purpose-built flats and bungalows looked after by a warden.

But there is still the problem that if you become really infirm and need nursing there are few facilities in such an arrangement to stay. The prospect of dying in alien, impersonal surroundings terrifies many old people, even if they've come to terms with death itself. Swingeing cuts in health services and a shortage of local authority funds means that the situation is not going to get better in the public sector, which is why the private sector, is booming and speculative eyes from across the Atlantic are brooding over expansion plans here.

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Meanwhile, beady-eyed businessmen are moving in to clean up, cynically aware that they're more than a match for a hard-pressed social services department inspector assessing their fitness to be registered as a twilight home.



On the beat: Willim Ellis at Parsons House, Paddington, where 96 out of the 120 flats a the block have joined the neighbourhood scheme

## How a watching brief can beat the burglars

One evening recently, 200 west London residents resisted the temptations of Dallas, and went out in the rain to meet their local policemen. In a Boys' Brigade hall officers were waiting, tea, coffee and biscuits at the ready, to put forward a proposition of mutual interest.

The keynote of the evening was struck by a superintendent who described the story of a harassed American police captain in a Hollywood infille vno tola his critics that he could solve crime if only he could put a man on every street corner. Such a hope could no more be achieved in the reality of London than it could in a celluloid

But it was possible, said the superintendent, to have the next best thing: a local population which

was alert to the risk of crime, advertising its awareness and therefore deterring the vandal, the burglar and the car thief. Was it time central Fulham had a neighbourhood watch?

At the end of the meeting 104 people apparently thought it was. The special research unit at Fulham police station calculated that they had volunteers in 39 out of 43 streets for beat number six, running north of the New King's Road

Since the neighbourhood watch scheme was launched last September more than 69 watches have been formed in London and more than 223 others are under discussion. The scheme is based on an American idea - Scotland Yard officers drew up their plans on a Seattle blueprint

- and the aim is to organize area suspicious characters and ways residents in small areas, street by Street

Each street has a coordinator who acts as liaison with the local beat constable. Members of the watch keep an eye on each other's property and report to police anything suspicious. The police supply materials for a property marking system based on post codes. Owners can stamp or write their codes on items of value to help police identity them.

The Yard hopes Fulham will prove a showcase for how the scheme can work. The largest watch in London is operating in 43 streets round Hurlingham on Fulham's beat seven after an

meeting of 450 people. Members of the watch receive a newsletter noting crime trends in the of taking precautions. What was a bad area for burglary in the Fulham division saw a reduction of more than 50 per cent in break-ins in the first few months of the watch.

Such interest is perhaps not surprising in an area of expensive houses where middle-class owners feel they have a great deal to lose. Yet when police in the Paddington area canvassed an expensive area of Maida vale belore Christmas bi sending out letters with returnable forms, they received 24 replies from

240 letters.
Many officers believe the watches will be much more difficult to set up in the areas where they are most needed such as the vast, often downat-heel council estates.
But the residents of Parsons

House, a 20-storey block overlooking Edgware Road, went to their local station last October and asked for a watch to be set up. It should be said the inspiration was a tenant who works for the police, but none the less 96 out of the 120 flats in the block joined the watch.

The residents, a fifth of whom are old age pensioners, say the immediate effect of the watch is a reduction

in the amount of vandalism. The block, with some 400 residents, is in the centre of a much larger estate, but to date no one in the rest of the area has shown interest in widening the scheme. Perhaps the situation will change as Parsons House erects an official sign announcing it has a watch operating.

**Stewart Tendler** 

Laser hope

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## MEDICAL BRIEFING

## Blood test for undergraduates

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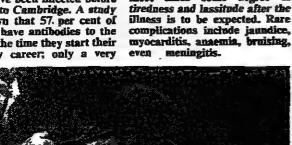
between them. mined children suffer misery and lasting psychologici dam-Glandular fever was first described in 1889 as a disease of age. Recent research work in young children; it probably argor laser therapy by John represents a syndrome with a variety of causes. Infectious Carruth at Southampto offers these children a hope oa less complicated childhood. In 1977 Mr Carrth. a surgeon, went to the US 1 study 1920 but not until 1968 was it realized that it was one of the many diseases caused by the Epstein Barr virus first isolated used in the treatment of eseases of the head and neck. Lier his

four years earlier. The majority of Prince Edward's fellow undergraduates would have been infected before they got to Cambridge. A study has shown that 57 per cent of students have antibodies to the virus by the time they start their university career, only a very

Prince Edward's attack of small proportion of them will infectious mononuc leosis fortui-have noticed any signs or tously coincided with detailed symptoms. Diagnosis is coned by blood tests incluthe finding of antibodies to the Epstein Barr virus.

Infectious monon traditionally supposed to appear in three different ways: the angiose type, when a severe sore throat is the main trouble; glandular type, when enlarged painful lymph glands and spleen predominate, and the febrile type, when the patient has a recurrent temperature. In practice most cases are a mixture of all these types. Another common sign is a rash, made worse if ampicillin has been used to treat the sore throat. Most symptoms within three weeks.

Infective monogucleosis, like any other viral infection, can cause post-viral depression. In most cases some degree of tiredness and lassitude after the



Prince Edward: other students will have the virus

Test of policy Mr Lewis Carter



Jones, the MP for Eccles, has a particular interest in the fate of the optician and

the Health and Bill now being debated in standing committee. A short while ago a regular visit to his opticians showed that the pressure in his eyes was raised.

dispensing of spectacles has arisen because it is feared that they will discourage routine regular eye-testing, which is important if glaucoms and other diseases are to be detected before irreversible damage has been done.

Glaucoma is the medical term for an increase in pressure in the eye. In 90 per cent of cases of chronic open-angle glaucoma, the underlying cause is unknown. Although it can He was referred to St Thomas's occur in any age group, 2 per cent of the population are

occular pressure in glaucoma sometimes causes mild headaches and vague visual problems, often wrongly ascribed to tension, tiredness or strain, but it can occur without any symptoms other than a progressive loss of peripheral vision. Very marked loss of sight often occurs before the patient notices that anything is amiss, a fact which constantly amazes doctors and opticians Acute glaucoma causes severe pain and visual changes.



A child with snuffly nose is often prescribed nose drops in the belief that, improving drainage, they help treat the

common complications of sinu-sitis and earache. Mr Robert Pracy, formerly of Great Or-mond Street Hospital, has written on the difficulty of administering these drops. In theory the child should tie

on his or her back with the head hanging vertically over the edge of a bed. A measured number of drops, warmed to blood hear should be put into each nostril and the child should then stay in this position for two minutes while absorption takes place.

Orange Caution



adept at spotting the orange glow to the skir of the patien who has sought a tan not from the beach or ski slopes, but from tablets rich in caroteroid, the pigments found in oranges and carrots. However healthy the face may look, the diagnosis can be confirmed by looking at the palms, stained less-than-alluring carrot

Despite this previous experience a recent epidemic, reported in Medical News, of an outbreak of orange hands and feet among north London schoolchildren defied diagnosis and so was brought to the attention of the Communicable Diseases Surveillance Centre. Fortunately, it was found that they were not suffering from any viral disease but from an excessive intake of orange citrus fruit, particularly Spanish satsumas.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford



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### Primrose path

Lady Olga Maitland, that effer-vescent defence campaigner, will use the Young Conservatives' annual conference in Blackpool this weekend as a launch-pad for a new magazine called, originally enough, The Defence Campaigner. Lady Olga, power behind the supposedly non-party Women and Families for Defence - set up last March to counter CND - tells me that the new quarterly (5,000 copies at 30p each) will plead for people to come forward with tales of "peace studies" being infiltrated into school lessons.

Parents are very intimidated, and daren't complain about what their children are taught, and that's usually unilateralism, from left-wing teachers," she said. "In my day at school, we hardly knew what politics

Times change. The editor of The Defence Campaigner is a 16-year-old schoolgirl who certainly knows what politics are. Janet Parrett is not only studying politics and world history, economics and government at Alevel, but she is also chairman of Eltham Young Conservatives.

### The sting

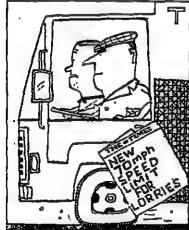
As if there was not already teeth-gnashing among the publishers who passed up the opportunity to seize what looks like being the novel of the season, The Wasp Factory (even now going into reprint before publication next week), the BBC has unwittingly added insult to injury. Featuring the first-time author. Iain Banks, on its cerebral Bookmark programme, the Beeb needed a First World War bunker in which to film a dramatized extract from the novel, but since none was available settled instead for the cellar of a house in Tooting Bec - owned by the publicity director of a rival pub-

The Kentish Gazette carried : job-seeking classified advertisement from an "ex-patriot" managing from an "ex-patriot" managing director. Perhaps the KGB could

### Blunderland Queen Victoria as the author of

Alice in Wonderland? What nonsense! David Rosenbaum and the Continental Historical Society of San Francisco are way off beam when they suggest in their book Queen Victoria's Alice that the real Lewis Carroll was Her Majesty rather than Charles Dodgson. Dodgson denied authorship because of the 1880 scandal arising from his hobby of photographing little girls in what he called "their favourite dress of nothing to wear". It is even possible that he was the victim of a blackmail attempt based on his special interest. Indeed a new "faction" novel by Donald Thomas, Belladonna: A Lewis Carroll Nightmare, published next month, suggesis that Dodgson could have been involved with Charles Augustus Howell, the notorious blackmailer immortalized as Milverton in a Sherlock Holmes story.

BARRY FANTONI



'I can't get used to not slowing down when I see the police'

### Assisted passage

In another chapter of the Spectator saga. Alexander Chancellor told his readers vesterday that he is "less than happy" about his departure after nine years in the editor's chair, though he is delighted with the choice of his successor. Charles Moore. Mr Chancellor writes: "I am looking forward to some fresh air. It's quite hard to be out of a job, and sometimes it's difficult to leave a place. You need a helping hand." it's good to know that Algy Cluff, the proprietor, is so obliging.

### Voting early

As Vice-President George Bush arrives in London this weekend, his political opponents are limbering up for an early round of the seemingly interminable US election campaign. The Democrats Abroad organization is sending out tomorrow the first ballot papers for the overseas primary vote in which American expatriates can choose their Democraue presidential candidate and their 10 delegates to the party convention in July. This year's overseas vote, to be declared on March 13. is particularly important to the Democratic front-runners. Walter Mondale, John Glenn and Jesse Jackson, because it will be one of the first tests of opinion, following the lowa caucuses and the first primary in New Hampshire, Futhermore, the overseas delegates will be last to vote at the convention, so they could be crucial to the wheeling and dealing that goes on. The 80.000 or so Americans in Britain, all of whom naturally read this column. may obtain ballot papers from Democrats Abroad, 78 Redcliffe

Square, London SW10.

## Jenkin's Green Belt U-turn

Private house builders seldom win popularity polls. Architects despise their little boxes (and their underemployment of architects). De-fenders of green fields blame them for despoiling England's pleasant land. No owners of a des. res. want a Wimpey house on the corner or Barratt building over the waste ground where they take their dogs for a walk.

On occasion the builders deserve the criticism, but now - after yesterday's government pronouncement on the Green Belt - they have a case. Their complaint is this. On one side of Whitehall they are praised by Treasury ministers as an engine of growth, intensive em-ployers of labour, heavy users of domestically-produced materials. Employment ministers urge people to move to jobs, and presumably intend them to live in houses in employment areas. Housing ministers say council house building is a residual sector, that housing policy is now carried on the backs of the private sector. Fine, says the House Builders Federation, only too happy to be seen to combine the public interest with profit, But what about the Environment Secretary, who doubles as the minister for town and country planning?

When Mrs Thatcher appointed Patrick Jenkin to head the department last year, the time seemed right to nudge the pendulum which has swung unevenly between development and control ever since the planning system was put in place in 1947. (Whatever Mr Jenkin's predecessor, Mr Michael Heseltine, may have said, there had since 1979 been

no bonfire of planning controls.) Mr Jenkin issued two circulars in rapid succession, guidance on what councils should do and indications of how he would jump if he were to adjudicate on councils' refusal to permit housing development. To the builders it seemed as if overall government policy was becoming consistent; that a new era of relative liberality was beginning. No one was proposing putting two-bedroom apartments on beauty spots such as Box Hill. But Jenkin was hinting that if councils were too tight with land and private housing on the edges of Green Belt territory, he would back the builders. In other words, if the (usually Conservative) councillors of Epsom or Hitchin or High Wycombe insisted on drawing

Not for the first time, Jenkin showed a lack of political acumen in the way the circulars were presented. Luck went against him, too, because at about the same time the suburban squirearchy had been alarmed by a builders' proposal to plant new commuter villages in Buckingham-shire, Hertfordshire and the other counties around London.

the Green Belt's boundary right up

to the front door of Boots in the

High Street, the government would

slacken it off.

Rural England entered the fray in alliance with the shire counties. Jenkin, besieged by his own backbenchers, conceded; the circulars were withdrawn,

The Council for the Protection of

Yesterday they reappeared, sani-tized, cleansed of offending passages and resolutely green. They still suggest, albeit in a rather vague way, that builders deserve a little generosity. But now they carn the CPRE's plaudits for fixing the Green Belt's boundaries and endorsing the apparatus of control in existing 'structure" (county) and local plans.

The builders cannot be blamed for feeling they are back at square one, with government policy exhibiting a gross inconsistency. White-hall wants the houses but is not prepared to will the land supply; ministers appear to have set their faces against those who will want to buy or move house in the South-east but do not already have the good fortune to live in Chorleywood or Tunbridge Wells. Calculations of land supply and

housing demand are too fragile for the builders' case to be accepted in its entirety. Land for building has been allocated in the suburban counties: what remains of the regional strategy for the Southeast claims there is plenty of scope in designated growth areas such as Milton Keynes or Wokingham. But what of the principles of free choice and market economics which ought to put a premium on people making up their own mind about where to live and in what kind of home?

The builders' case is strengthened because of what neither of these two circulars dare mention: London, Even assuming that it is acceptable to keep migrants from less-favoured areas out of the South-east, tightening the Green Belt will not stop Londoners escaping outwards. It will add to pressures on available land and ultimately on house prices in the rest of the South-east.

If you are a self-regarding resident of Herts (especially if you are the county planner or a local politician) the one thing you devoutly wish is long life and prosperity for the GLC. For without its "strategic" view and lots of public money, most of the implicit assumptions in the govern-

ment's plans do not stand up.

The circular on Green Belts, as amended, makes pious reference to refurbishing the inner cities, so increasing the supply and attractive-ness of housing within the metropolitan areas and easing pressures on the periphery. Fine as a principle: but refurbishment is very expensive and there will still be many people who don't fancy living on Beckton marshes or joining those intrepid

colonizers of the Isle of Dogs.

The builders' case against the tightness of planning policy in the Home Counties will be strengthened unless there is substantially more public money for city housing, home improvements, infrastructure and site development. Alternatively there could be a fiscal revolution, for example abolishing mortgage tax relief, a measure which could have a remarkable effect on the supply of housing and reduce the need for new building. Given Mrs Thatcher's predilections, that is unlikely.

What remains for the next few years (demography may come to the rescue in the 1990s) is a recipe for builders unhappiness, house-buyers frustration and oddly for a government that once talked about rolling back the boundaries of the state, an enhanced role for town and county hall planning bureaucrats.

David Walker

## An Iranian dream turned sour

After five years of religious-inspired terror and executions, Hazhir Teimourian reports on everyday life in a country where chess is taboo and a tube of toothpaste costs £4

An English woman who recently spent a month in Tehran reported a strange sensation when she returned home: she found the colourful makeup and clothes of fellow westerners shockingly garish. She had become curiously accustomed to the aus-tenty of prescribed dress in Iran, where women are encouraged to wear the all-enveloping black chador (literally, a tent) outside the home, and where the slightest trace of make-up entails the risk of many months in jail.

When, five years ago tomorrow, millions of Iranians poured on to the streets of Tehran to welcome Ayatollah Khomeini on his return from exile in France, they knew that their new alliance with the clergy meant at least a change of style: out would go the open adoration of the values of a consumer society, and in would come, for example, a greater emphasis on personal modesty. It was not forescen by the majority that the clergy would soon develop a liking for power, and that their state would have to be recreated along lines decreed in the Koran by Allah. After all, the Ayatollah did promise that he would go back to his theological school in Qom and leave the running of the government to elected politicians in the capital.

Today, by all accounts, the great majority of Iranians are sorely disillusioned with their new circumstances, but the militant clergy have established tight control over most of the country and, short of another revolution, will continue their march towards their ideal of an

Islamic state. However, life under the mullahs is not merely the austere existence advocated by the men of religion with an eye on the greater luxuries of the other world. A five-year war with the Kurds in the western mountains of Kurdistan and the

Unions preparing for this spring's

big public sector pay negotiations are bracing themselves for a new government assault on one of their

most treasured benefits - the indexlinked pension. This will not be

outright abolition, much as many

Tories and private sector workers

might desire it. Scrapping index-

linking altogether is no longer a

benefits. Those most immediately

affected are two and a half million

teachers, local government and health service workers who face

significant increases in their weekly

pension contributions. No details

about the timing or size of the

increases have yet been disclosed.

but the Treasury is believed to want

to see the average contribution rate

rise from between 5 and 6 per cent

to 8 per cent, with further increases

Government will use the contri-

bution increases as a lever to keep

the public sector pay-round under

For the Government, there are wider motives. Mrs Thatcher has

never made any secret of her desire

to "do something" about index-link-

ing, which has long been a target of

Conservative policy-makers and -during the highly inflationary 1970s

at least - a source of considerable

popular resentment as well. One of

Mrs Thatcher's first tasks after the

1979 election was to set up an

inquiry under Sir Bernard Scott to

investigate how much index-linking

was really worth to public sector

Any hopes the Government may

have nurtured that it would be

handed a convenient charter for

scrapping index-linking were dashed

report three years ago. While acknowledging the "considerable

advantages" which an inflation-

proofed pension conferred on public

that protecting pensions was a "highly desirable social objective"

control.

employees.

The unions are worried that the

runner, politically.



February 1979: Women in Tehran pay homage to their returned

much more ruinous conflict with iraq over the past three years have brought in their wake many extra hardships that even the clergy do not welcome. One can become accustomed to the total banning of music on the radio, but having to queue many hours each day for bread and without a guarantee of avoiding disappointment at the end - is quite a different matter.

Looking into the future, the government faces a number of seemingly insurmountable problems: the fast-rising population (of 40 million people) has a far longer life expectation than its forebears, the war with Iraq has reached a stalemate, and no clergyman who could become a creditable successor to 85-year-old Ayatollah Khomeini

If there is any sign of a benefit on the horizon of Islamic Iran, it is in the strengthening of family bonds. Entertainment outside the home has been severely curtailed. Theatres and cinemas have been closed, or made to concentrate on humourless revolutionary films from countries such as North Korea. As a result, more people choose to visit friends and relatives, but even here the possibilities are limited. Alcohol is not available to lighten the mood, and Revolutionary Guards have sometimes invaded houses in search of playing cards, chess pieces and backgammon boards.

No formal laws have been passed to ban the playing of chess or the painting of landscapes, but such laws are not necessary. Every clergyman is supposed to be a qualified

locality, and his armed guards carry out his wishes obediently, transforming him into the undisputed king of the area. Such possessions as taped music or the poetry of Omar Khayyam are regarded as circumstantial evidence proving moral perversion and counter-revolutionary tendencies.

One favourite pastime has be-come the reading of books of history especially ancient history - as these are not regarded by the authorities as dangerous influences. The importation of radio sets with short-wave reception is banned, though many a household still possesses them and secretly listens to foreign stations. The local media are under the complete control of clergy, but even here it is possible to find suprises that seem to have escaped the attention of the censor. Recently, a leading magazine sent a number of reporters on to the streets of Tehran to interview people on their views on the war with Iraq and on the general situation. Of 27 answers that were published, only two supported the government.

Shortages of food and basic requirements provide one of the main causes of dissatisfaction: Tea costs the equivalent of £15 a pound on the black market, and a tube of toothpaste £4.25, if it could be found at all. In addition, there are regular and prolonged power cuts all over the country, and in some regions heating oil has been unobtainable during the present, bitterly cold

Perhaps the most important sideeffect of the revolution has been the blow it has dealt the self-esteem of the nation. A lorry driver who supported Khomeini now says: "I wish someone would pour petrol over us and set it alight. We are good for nothing". A more sanguine view was expressed to me by an industrialist who is thinking of emigrating: "We are all depressed. There are many suicides, especially among the young. The closure of the universities over the past three years has been a body blow to their hopes. The least educated element among us has taken over the reins, and that is that. The same thing happened in Germany before the Second World

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contribution rates for the three groups now threatened will save the Treasury an estimated £370m a year.

The Treasury has to pick up much of the bill for retirement benefits because most public sector pension schemes are purely notional. There is no actual fund of employee and employer contributions to be in-vested and managed, as there is in the private sector, and pensions are paid out of the government's revenue budget.

fronteally, the Government's nev drive for higher contributions is taking place at a time when inflation has fallen to a level - about 5 per cent - at which index-linking is no longer of such obvious advantage to public sector employees. Whereas fewer than 2 per cent of private sector pension schemes guarantee to index-link their pension benefits. more than a quarter guarantee to increase benefits each year by between 3 and 4 per cent. Many others use their discretion to top up the value of benefits each year.

When inflation was running at more than 20 per cent, this meant that only the richest oil companies and banks could effectively give their pensioners anything like protection against inflation. Now it is something that many more schemes can afford to do, particularly as the present boom in world stock markets is giving pension funds some healthy investment profits.

But an index-linked pension is still worth significantly more than an unprotected pension. In what is seen as an important prelude to its planned flotation on the stock market next year, British Airways is proposing to buy out its workers' rights to an index-linked pension at a potential cost of up to £200m. The Government and the airline's City advisers have made it clear that a company burdened with the potentially unlimited cost of an indexlinked scheme will be much less attractive to investors than one with

a conventional scheme.

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**David Watt** 

South Africa: a

two starkly different views among

South Africans about what is

happening in their sad and divinely

White conservatives and busi-

nessmen assure one that everything.

at last, is beginning to change. It is said that the Prime Minister, P. W.

Botha, has seen the light and is now

preparing to follow the logic of

South Africa's predicament. The

country cannot prosper economi-

ment. Since the base provided by the

white population is manifestly

inadequate for this purpose, it must

be supplemented by the coloured, Indian and, ultimately, the black population. Educational and econ-

omic advancement will inevitably entail political advancement in the

long run, whether the Afrikaner

diebards like it or not, and it it this

nettle that Botha is now supposed to

The new constitution, with its

separate houses of parliament and ministries for the white, Indian and

coloured communities is, on this

interpretation, the first tentative shot at breaking the mould - and

English-speaking whites, as well as Afrikaners, voted for it in droves.

Botha's success in the (white) referendum on the new arrange-

ments last year, combined with

visible strengthening of South Africa's security on her northern borders in the last 12 months, has

given Mr Botha the confidence to

drag his party into the twentieth century, and we shall soon witness

all sorts of other evidence of

progress, involving black Africans as

Liberals have a very different

perspective on all this. They believe that the Afrikaners cannot possibly

accept the prospect of losing real control of the development of South Africa and that it is therefore futile

to think that they seriously envisage

any genuine sharing of power. The new constitution is regarded by liberals as evidence of this, it offers

nothing substantial to coloureds or

Indians, who can always be over-

ruled in the white chamber, and it

offers less than nothing to blacks,

whose representation outside their

"homelands" is confined to town

council level. In other words it is a

can be produced to support the general indictment. The black

education system, which ought in

theory to be the centrepiece of any

attempt to improve economic performance is in dreadfully bad

shape and gets no better in spite of

government reassurances. Peny

apartheid regulations are less in

evidence than they were - more blacks in bars and lounges of the big

hotels: no "whites only" notices on

park benches; a less onerous

censorship. But the central core of

laws which forbid blacks to live in

white areas, or indeed anywhere

outside their "homelands", without

a pass. Far from being relaxed, these

are now to be enforced with greater

The urban black who has, as it

were, got in under the wire may find

his lot marginally improved, but all

the rest, including the million or more who are living in the townships illegally, are to be

hemmed back into the rural poverty

traps in the Bantustans. According to the liberal version, the vistas of

constitutional change now being

opened up do not begin to touch

these realities; for which reason

internal violence and ultimately

civil war continue to make their

There is no way, at present of

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shift or a sham?

First, it is obvious that he great southern African "bloodbin" bas been drastically postponed by the turn of events in the last year two. Externally, the relative strugth of cally in the new international climate without a far larger pool of skilled workers and middle manage-South Africa's economy, and her well-proved ability to destablize her neighbours at will, has cowd leftwing Zimbabwe into refusing to harbour African National Congress harbour African National Cogress terrorists and has just led the Marxisant President Mache of Mozambique to sue, in effect for peace. The latest South African withdrawal from southern Argola, and Mr Botha's talk of possible moves towards a Namibia stile-ment, are signs of South African strength rather than wakness, Domestically, there is no sen that the security police are losing their grip. Occasional bombs and loyouts bear witness to the seething bitterness beneath the surface, butcontrol is so complete that there are now no more than I i people "bannel" (that is, excluded from all politizal and much social activity) in the whole of South Africa, compared withseveral hundred a few years ago.

There is no obvious reasin why this mastery should be undernined in the near or even the nediumterm future, and this, of course, is one of the factors tha leads. moderate conservatives the optimism. There is now time, ney say, for a gradual, non-violent colution of South Africa to take plac. I wish I could believe that it wouldhappen. but I remain deeply sceptial. Even the younger, "enlightene" Afri-kaner intellectuals and politicians I have met do not really accept the need to do more than tinkerwith the problems of the urban blacks. And as for the English-speaking whites in the business community, key seem to me subtly less reform-minded than they were when I last encountered them.

This last is an important development, because it casts doubs on the efficacy of the "changethrough-economic-necessity" argument: and the reasons for it are not hard to find. For one thing, without the spur of imminent trouble it is bainfully easy in South Africa to tipse into complacency. For another, the same events to the north hat have taken off the external presure have finally convinced many wite South Afripersuasion, that theblack African is irretrievably incondetent to run a country. Africa is cen to be going down the plughle under black management an therefore the notion of handin over to a black. successor regime i South Africa is a formula for celain chaos and destruction, even the change could degree of philosophical detachment and historical perpective required to think of this a necessary stage of evolution is not surprisingly; beyond most whits.

Where this leves western policy is a matter to hich I will return later, but meanwile I can't honestly say that I cam away from South Africa much les depressed about the future therethan when I went Economic necessity may, I will concede, forc improvement in black education but the link in the causal chain wich is supposed to produce peaced political advance thereafter seen to be missing. The will among thites to supply it simply does no exist, and that being so; the most kely link to progress will in the longrun be a violent one - and forged blacks.

# Philip Howard

## After the Marbles, send back the Cross

Well, I dare say we should give Melina back her marbles; and the Winged Victory should go home from the Louvre to Samothrace; and the altar of Zeus should be repatriated from the Staatliche Museum. Berlin. to Pergamum; and we could drag Stonehenge back to Presely Mountain in Pembrokeshire. The Nottingham Museums will send home to Nemi the mysteries of

But I hear whispers of a move to repatriate a treasure the importance which makes even the Elgin Marbles frieze into a back entablature. The Israeli Committee for the Restitution of the Cross of Yeshu nvites your support. The Persian, Roman, Frankish and Ottoman invasions or occupations of Israel caused even greater destruction of indigenous Cultural Monuments than they did in Greece. After the Roman destruction of the Temple, the Cross of Yeshu survived as a major cultural heritage of the Israeli People.

Of distinguished local ancestry, the Israeli freedom-fighter, Yeshu of Naizeret, was crucified at Yerushalayim in about 30 CE by the Roman Gauleiter, P. Pilate, during the reign of the Quisling tetrarch, H. Antipas of Yehudah, But the Israeli People faithfully preserved Yeshu's Cross by hiding it under the ground. However, in about 326 CE, the British aristocrat and amateur archaeologist Helena took advantage of her connexions with the Occupying Regime to conduct an illicit excavation at Golgota, for which no permit from the Israeli Archaeological Service has been traced.

She "invented" the Cross of Yeshu, which European Museums and Romans ubsequently scrabbled for the Crossis a spoil of war, but most of it bund its way to a museum in tanbul in about 627 CE. Thereder tourists, many armed, and sme posing as cultural "pilgrims", indalized the Cross-stealing barring or buying fragments as southirs that were placed in European museums. Here the remains are kept in unscientific conditions (i non-air-conditioned "monstrances, exposed to candle-light and politied atmosphere, and sometimes eve offered to unauthorized persons them to touch and

Two other committees have expressed intent in the Cross of Yeshu. Their clans are spurious.

The Antis vroleipsanological Committee (charnan: J. Calvin. Geneval maintail that the Cross is of no cultural significance to anyone, and that if all the fragments now purloined were ressembled there would be enough in her to build a ship. As matters a fact, we reject both propositions.

The Cross Bongs to The Cultural Heritage of All the World Committee (chairrin: J. Paul, director, Vatican Luseum, and other museum directs) maintains that the Cross is dinternational cultural significance, is supporters ... slyly argue that by pserving and displaying the Cro they are promoting Israeli cultu abroad in a way in which Israeli have, until.

recently, shown no intest.

To this we say that the Cross of Yeshu is an inalienable part of the Israeli Cultural Herital snatched out of its context by he British David Felton still misname "The True Cross", or estitution to the Israi People under Resolution 4/09 lopted by the General Conference Unesco.

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## Index-linking: no longer what it was but it still figures

The Cabinet has decided in which, far from being scrapped, should - by implication at least - be principle, however, to make millions of public sector workers pay a more extended to the private sector. "realistic" price for the privilege of their inflation-proofed retirement The report also emphasized the

fact, sometimes forgotten by critics of index-linking, that public employees already pay higher contri-bution rates than workers in private industry. The average contribution rate in the private sector, according to the latest surveys, is 4.31 per cent of employees' pay, compared with rates in the public sector that range from 5 per cent for manual workers in the health service and local government to 11 per cent for Raising contribution rates is

another approach to the problem. The police were the first public sector group to feel the impact, with an increase in rates of between 3 and per cent in 1982. Then, last year, the firemen's contribution rate was raised by 4 per cent in two stages. though not before the proposals had brought the firemen's union to the brink of a national strike.

Now the spotlight has shifted to the main public sector groups. The Government's intention appears to be to bring contribution rates in the

NHS. local government and education service into line with the 8 per cent effectively paid by civil servants. Earlier plans to raise the civil servants' contribution rate itself appear to have been postponed for the time being. There are likely to be further increases in contribution rates in later years.

These moves stand to save the Government a lot of money. Since the early 1970s, when index-linking became standard practice in the public sector, the gross cost of paying the pension benefits of public sector workers has soared. For the main groups alone - teachers, civil servants, health and local government workers - retirement benefits paid out have jumped from £314m in 1970-71 to £3.300m in 1982-3. The total public sector pension bill is running at more than £4,400m, roughly 3 per cent of total government spending.

That is the gross cost to the state. The net cost, after allowing for employee contributions of £1,200m. and the £600m of pay that civil servants and police forgo in lieu of pension contributions, is still more than £2,000m. Raising the employee

Source: Transury 1982/3 estimates

Index-linked public-service pensions

	Members of pension schemes (thousands)	Total expenditure on benefits £ million	Employee contribution £ million	Average weeki pension £
Civil Service	657	1,057	360°	35.80
Local gov'ment	1.060	740	400	32.70
Teachers	613	925	335	61.90
NHS	820	622	350	35.40
Police	133	231	100	50.80
Fire	39	58	20	39.80
Armed forces	321	663	260*	38.30
Total	3,643	4,296	1,825	

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### A TALE OF TWO BUDGETS

mony. Mrs Thatcher's cabinet vesterday conducted its pre-Budget economic confabulation. The financial markets were quite unconcerned. Across the Atlantic. President Reagan's official advisers have been publicly and even abusively disagreeing about the consequences of his budget projections, frightening Wall Street and unsettling the dollar.

Open government is a virtue, and in Britain we still have too little information before the final decisions are taken on public expenditure and taxes - though Mr Nigel Lawson's promise of a green paper on long-term public spending is a welcome step further. But the American Administration is currently offering a parody of frankness which is an insult to all those dependent on the western world's largest economy.

To begin with this year, the financial markets were encouraged not to look too closely at the gaping hole in the President's Budget projections. It is, as his Treasury Secretary Donald Regan keeps reminding everyone, "a political year". In other words, don't worry if the President gets nowhere with his appeal to Congress for bipartisan agreement on budget reductions: if the figures don't add up, we'll put them right after the presidential election.

To their credit, neither Mr Martin Feldstein of the President's Council of Economic Advisers nor Mr David Stockman, his outspoken budget director, have been prepared to

mouth such soothing pap. And all this week the titanic figure of Mr Paul Volcker, the independent Chairman of he Federal Reserve Board - America's central bank - has been steadily demolishing Mr Reagan's wishful argument that big budget deficits are not a cause of high American interest rates.

Mr Volcker's view, expressed in several sessions of evidence to Congressional committees, is fair, clear - and sombre. The vast American budget deficit forces up interest rates. It is also reflected in a widening trade deficit which means America has to borrow almost equally vast sums of capital from abroad to plug the gap in its balance of payments. Most damning of all, as far as the financial markets are concerned, he told Congress that if the situation continued unchanged there would be in-creasing risks of a loss of confidence in the dollar.

The ideal change in American economic policy would be a cut in the budget deficit that allowed interest rates to come down, which in turn would allow the dollar to decline gently to more realistic levels. If the United States remains deperately in need of foreign capital to finance its deficit, the kind of dollar fall that would follow a loss of confidence would not be gentle at all. It is no wonder the financial markets are getting uncomfortable, and that the disagreements among the President's men are only making things worse.

managers of the budget policy is not just about the correct mix of plain speaking and electioneering that should carry them through 1984, nor even about the degree to which hard decisions can be put off until 1985. It is, increasingly, a reflecton of real anxiety among those whose business it is to project the future about whether the scale of the deficit is now such that even a newly-elected President cannot begin to bridge

By 1985, America's boom. already slackening a little, may have subsided altogether. An incoming president will face the task of cutting spending to the bone or forcing taxes way up in the face of an economic recession. Mrs Thatcher bit on that bullet in 1981, but Mrs Thatcher did not face a powerful and independent Congress, with its own views on every detail of public expenditure. Nor has any American president ever found it easy to raise taxes.

President Lyndon Johnson's failure to put taxes up to finance the Vietnam war was an early cause of the inflationary disease that has crippled the world economy from the end of the 1960s to the present day; and President Johnson was pastmaster at the wheeling and dealing with Congress necessary to effect the slightest change in budgetary policy. It is vital, and yet unlikely, that whoever sits in the White House in 1985 will have equal ability, plus the will, to force federal spending and taxation into line.

### **BONN'S BANANA SKIN**

For the dispute between the

Nobody expected Herr Kohl to be one of the great chancellors of West Germany, but he seemed in many ways to be a good choice for his time. The last years of the Social Democratic government were difficult and unsettling. Herr Schmidt was increasingly on the defensive within his own party and constantly at odds with the United States. Two of the main planks of party policy the opening to the East and the welfare state - were bending under stress. The deployment of new missiles was looming up. It was time for a pause for rethinking for a re-affirmation of basic values and a restoration of contact with the ordinary people of West Germany, who respected but did not always warm to the sharp intellectualism of Herr Schmidt.

So the decent, friendly provincialism of Herr Kohl seemed to fit the bill. He formed an effective coalition government with the Free Democrats which brought a large - perhaps too large - measure of continuity in the substance of home and foreign policy, but with less noise and turbulence and a marked improvement in the tone of relations with the United States. He was criticized for a certain lack of grip and leadership but the ship of state seemed able to

survive it. Now he has run into his first real trouble over the affair of General Kiessling, a Nato deputy commander, who was prema-

allegedly frequenting homo-sexual bars. When the evidence proved impossible to sustain Herr Kohl rejected the resignation of his defence minister. Herr Worner, and had General Kiessling re-instated, hoping thereby to put the matter to rest.

So far he has been disappointed. He emerged bruised from Wednesday's parliamentary debate on the subject, in which he was conspicuously denied support by the Bavarian wing of the party. Much of the criticism expressed publicly by the opposition is expressed privately by members of his own party. It is widely felt in Bonn that Herr Worner has been so discredited in the public eye and among the armed services that he should be allowed to resign. Commentators have resurrected what Herr Kohl himself said some years ago when a Social Democratic defence minister was also landed in trouble by the ineptitude of the military intellegence department: that the minister had a moral obligation to carry responsibility for the

Once criticism begins, everything is thrown into the pot - the corruption charges now pending against Count Lambsdorff, the Economics minister, the somewhat fumbling visit to Israel; poor preparation for the Athens summit; above all the strong impression that the decision on General Kiessling was made not turely retired in December for on the merits of the case but in

order to avoid a cabinet re-shuffle that would have exposed him to pressure to give a seat to Herr Strauss, the talented but difficult leader of the Bavarian Christian Democrats. By seeming to run away from this problem, which would cause trouble with his Free Democratic partners, he has made himself look weak.

Yet it was not an easy decision. Herr Worner has been a good defence minister in other respects. To have let him go would have been a loss, and would have made it difficult to keep Herr Lambsdorff (who will anyway have to go if the charges against him are sustained). The coalition would have entered a wobbly phase which could have undermined its authority, and that of Herr Kohl. Nevertheless by not acting according to his own professed principles of honourable behaviour Herr Kohl has also weakened his moral and political authority.

Whether he chose the greater or the lesser evil is not really for outsiders to say, though it is difficult to imagine a British defence minister surviving a similar debacle. What matters now is how far he can re-establish his authority. One obvious way to start would be to investigate whether there are institutional reasons for the apparent ineptitude of military intelligence, which has a sensitive and important role to play in a country as exposed to espionage as West Germany.

### TREATING WITH CONTEMPT

The £10,000 fine imposed last week on Sogat '82 for disobeying a High Court order to lift its blacking of the London edition of the Radio Times highlights a function of the law of contempt, the protection of the public interest, which has received too little attention. The Sogat case is significant because the fine was and receives the court's assistimposed at a time when the ance by way of an injunction union had already called off its action. Its purpose was not to coerce the union into obeying the court order, but to punish it for having previously refused to

do so. The principle underlying the decision to fine the union is that deliberate defiance of a court order is more than an infringement of the rights of the aggrieved party: it is also a direct challenge to the authority of the court. The public interest requires that authority to be maintained. Public confidence in the present system permits an the administration of justice aggrieved party to use his option would be seriously undermined to take proceedings for contempt were it to be thought that as a bargaining counter in his particular bodies or groups of individuals could ignore court to the dispute. orders with impunity. The more public and flagrant the disobedience to a court order, the more pressing the need for judicial intervention to vindicate the authority of the court and assert the primacy of the rule of order is obeyed. As a condition law. Yes, curiously enough, the of granting the injunction, the present practice of the courts court should, where it thinks it does not always seem to meet

this need. the voluntary nature of the court. On such a report, the

nothing, the court does nothing. Had the B.B.C., faced with Sogat's deliberate defiance of the court's order, decided not to initiate contempt proceedings against the union, nothing would have happened. There is a lacuna here in the procedure of the courts. A party who invokes should not automatically and in every case have the right thereafter to take the matter out of the court's control. It is not always just a question of private rights. Once the law has been set in motion, it has its own momen-

The present voluntary system has other drawbacks too. So long as it is left entirely to the aggrieved party to apply to enforce the order, he remains vulnerable to intimidation by a powerful opponent. Conversely. negotiations with the other party

What is needed is a change of practice. In an appropriate case, where the public interest requires it, the court itself should be ready to take steps to protect that interest by seeing that its right to do so, impose a duty on the party seeking the order to The source of the problem is report disobedience back to the to enforce court court should be able to decide for

whether to institute contempt proceedings. Where the court decides to act for itself, the fact that the aggrieved party was not asking for any sanction to be imposed would no doubt be a factor to be taken into account. but the issue would still be one between the court and the party in contempt.

There are precedents for an advance in this direction. Wilful disobedience of a court order ranks as a contumacious civil contempt, which the court is entitled to deal with of its own motion. The court's power to order that a breach of an injunction should be reported to it was exercised by the National Industrial Relations Court, and was approved by the Phillimore Committee on Contempt in 1974. Sir John Donaldson, the Master of the Rolls, when he was President of the N.LR.C., pointed out that this procedure was less abrasive in character than the existing practice, which requires the aggrieved party, if he brings the matter back to court at all, to apply for the extreme sanction of committal or sequestration.

The court has the power to act on its own initiative; it should be more prepared to do so. Clearly the power should be exercised circumspectly, but that is no reason for not exercising it at all. Flagrant and public breaches of court orders, and cases of intimidation, call for the imposition of a sanction. The court should not have to stand by

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Getting more people back to work

### A question over question time

From Lady Burton of Coventry Sir, Strangers trying to listen to Prime Minister's questions in the House yesterday (February 7) must have wondered what on earth was going on. That went for many of us

on-strangers, too.
Without going into the matter of who planted what questions, it does seem to me that the procedure now used for Prime Minister's question time has greatly depreciated its undoubted value. Nowadays practically every question for the Prime Minister is the same, i.e., will she detail her movements for that specific day? Any MP called can then ask any supplementary he

In the past, questions addressed to the Prime Minister were similar to those addressed to other ministers requiring a definite answer. For most MPs to have an identical question on the order paper twice weekly, week after week, would never have been tolerated.

Who gains from the current custom? Not the public, not MPs who really want information and certainly not the Prime Minister. Yours faithfully, BURTON OF COVENTRY,

### House of Lords. February 8. Shipping forecasts

From Mr A. E. Somers and others Sir, It is difficult for a minority group (unless news-worthy from a political point of view) to register a protest in the media, but it is hoped that you will give space to a matter of some concern to all who go to sea

The Cruising Association, representing 4,500 yachtsmen, is greatly concerned at the general presen-tation of shipping forecasts by the BBC, a matter of very considerable importance from a safety point of

Briefly, there are four shipping forecasts per 24 hours and ideally these should be broadcast at sixhourly intervals but instead are unevenly spaced, and a recent proposal indicates that the BBC is considering alterations which will make the spacing even more uneven, varying between four and eight hours, with the early morning forecast at 05.55 hours.

Apart from the unevenness of the timings, this earlier time for the morning broadcast will tend to discourage the inexperienced day sailor from listening, with inevitably increased demands on the search and rescue organisations.

Furthermore, the time devoted to these broadcasts - five minutes means that the newsreader has to difficult to record the essential information

time allowed by one or two minutes? After all, there are approximately 35,000 to 40,000 yachtsmen and fishermen who are keenly interested in these broadcasts and who represent a not inconsiderable listening group. Yours etc, A. E. SOMERS, C. A. GARNER CHRISTINE HUGGINS,

BRIAN LACEY, NOEL DILLY. HERBERT DUTTON, RICHARD BROWN, ANTHONY BROWNE, Cruising Association, Ivory House. St Katharine Dock, El.

### Old two hundredth

From Mr Brian G. D. Salt Sir, The demise of the ha penny as a monetary quantity may be of small importance, but the loss of the coin is another matter. For me it will probably mean that I shall have to give up smoking, since the coin is the only one that can be inserted into the slot of my lighter when need to re-fuel it. But probably ASH would regard that as a good thing.
But the demise of the fourth

leaders in The Times (leading article, February 4) was a disaster only less important than the loss of The Times itself for 11 months and for shorter periods since. If you cannot get some amusement from the suggestion that we should nationalize the clouds and have a Ministry of Nebulous Planning, or from the detailed discussion in 1945 of the ownership of a dead pheasant observed on the front of a railway engine, then you are indeed a poor fellow (or poor person).

Fortunately a few authentic fourth leaders appeared after their general demise, but even these few seem to have ceased. The last that I can remember was in April, 1973, which discussed the merits or otherwise of Senorita Hernandez's ambition to become a bullfighter. Yours faithfully,

BRIAN G. D. SALT, Little Sutton Cottage 49 Sution Lane South, Chiswick, W4.

### Council spending

From the Leader of Norwich City Council

Sir. Mr L D. Coutts (January 11) points out that among Norfolk district councils Norwich spends 34 per cent over the Government's grant-related expenditure assessment, while four Conservative controlled authorities spend between 20 and 30 per cent under

Mr Coutts's figures are selective and his conclusions questionable. He points out that the four Norfolk authorities are spending less than what the Government considers necessary to provide a standard level of service, but does not mention that the Norfolk County Council of

between 1978/79 and 1983/84 Norwich City Council's increase in spending relative to target was 3.4 per cent below the national average. according to the Government's own

Mr Coutts's suggestion, that in every part of the country local government expenditure should be at the same level, is extremely questionable. Local government is about local difference; we are not a mathematically uniform country. Different local authorities have different problems and different views of how they should be tackled.

The Conservative controlled Association of District Councils and Association of County Councils come out strongly against the rates Bill, not, as Mr Courts believes, they fail to understand the recession and who might otherwise find it most difficult, for no good

paid employment, but let it not be

imagined that high unemployment must be accepted and tolerated as

can be satisfied by human effort are

we have failed to devise ways of

satisfying these needs on terms that

are mutually acceptable to us as

Employed and unemployed alike

(though especially the former), we

value our own capability for work

too highly in relation to that of others and we set our expectations

Dr Billy Graham has been quoted

as saying that high unemployment is the result of greed and the truth of this simple statement is unesca-

pable. Unemployment may thus be

seen in part as a moral issue, a

question of values, and it therefore

falls very much within the province of the church and its teaching.

Politicians can have some influ-

ence on the level of unemployment

by helping to fashion the structure of

society so that greed works to create

limits to how much they can control

the values that each of us sets on his

ultimately determined not by the

actions of governments but by the

decisions made individually by

in its duty if it did not take steps to

Sir, In his article, "What price

loyalty in this market?" (February

7), Mr Robin Cook, Labour MP,

waxes indignant at the trammels

which the Government seek to put

on the staff of GCHQ. "Several thousand citizens", he declaims,

"are to be forced to surrender their

civil and legal rights to free

that your readers would like more of

it. So, for his next act, will Mr Cook

please inveigh against the closed shop, by which many more thou-sands of citizens are blackmailed

into surrendering their civil and

legal rights not to join a trades

again, although it may be considered

a drastic way to cope with neglected

clearance of the wild roses and brambles from the footpath. And

who is to say that a stretch of

allowed to revert to a wild,

overgrown state, harbouring noxious

plants, rather than be cleared for

cultivation? At least the latter compensates slightly for the loss of agricultural land taken for develop-

The countryside is the farmer's

workplace and he should be allowed

the same privacy within his boundaries as you, Sir, to alter the

disused railway line should

appreciate

Good robust stuff, and I am sure

every one of us.

Yours faithfully.

The Vineyard.

Much Hadham,

Yours faithfully,

G. C. HAMPSON,

Broad Oaks, 16 Monks' Well,

Farnham, Surrey.

Yours sincerely.

33 Onslow Road.

Walton-on-Thames,

Walkers will

ment elsewhere.

Yours faithfully.

JOHN BURTON,

16 St John's Road,

Queen's Park, Chester.

February 6.

partitions in your office.

The Birches,

husbandry.

ARTHUR de la MARE,

From Sir Arthur de la Mare

Waverley,

High Street,

HENRY HASLAM,

The level of unemployment is

own work and that of other people.

being unavoidable.

workers and consumers.

too high.

tives proposed, would actually promote work by lowering the cost

of marginal labour, it could be

tailored so that no fiscal cost would

be expected; and it would help those who had suffered most from the Yet the assumption behind his letter, that the age of work for all has gone for good, is I believe, reason, to find work. misleading and therefore dangerous. Popular opinion is all too ready to take an evil of a few years' standing Yours faithfully. ANTHONY CLUNIES ROSS,
Department of Economics,
University of Strathelyde,
Curran Building,
100 Cathedral Street, as part of the fixed course of nature. Thus the post-war dollar shortage appeared to be part of the laws of history until it changed mysteriously in 1958-60 into the equally incluc-

Glasgow.

unemployed.

the 1938-but into the equally includable dollar surplus.

The weak pound scenned to be endemic, until, in 1980, we were hit by the strong pound, which acquired its own brief immortality as the From Mr H.W. Haslam Sir, The Dean of St Paul's asks whether we need a successor to the "work ethic". Certainly we should be more willing to recognise that fulfilment may be sought and petro-found.
Most pertinently, twenty years of inter-war unemployment left even obtained in other activities besides

its most brilliant assailants with a view of the possibilities of full employment that turned out, for much of the period since, to be too

Sir. Compassion and good sense

demand support for the Dean of St

Paul's when he pleads (February 7) for more public and private support

for voluntary community-service

pessimistic. The Dean is clearly as aware as any of us that many important things need to be done and that three million or so people are more or less keen to do them. The key change needed to make this possible and acceptable is an arrangement that can keep real rates of pay at levels capable of being covered by marketable output when all willing hands are employed.

Several other European countries have achieved such an arrangement by intelligent negotiation and have for practical purposes maintained near-full employment.

The palliatives proposed by the Dean (compulsory work and pay sharing, restrictions on overtime, compulsory early retirement) would be an admission of defeat. All act to limit work rather than to promote it. If government and unions could agree on these unfamiliar, unwelcome and wasteful devices, then they could probably agree on the much less drastic measures needed for ordering pay claims so as to

make full employment possible. There is, however, one palliative recently proposed by a colleague of mine, Frank Kirwan, which deserves serious attention. It is directed towards the long-term unemployed, whose prospects look otherwise especially bleak. This is that any person who has been registered as unemployed for more than a certain period (say six months) should carry a wage subsidy to any employer who is ready to employ him as an

additional worker.

That subsidy should be equal to the total net social-security payment that the person would receive for

### Could not the BBC increase the Non-unionismat GCHQ

From Mr G. C. Hampson Sir, For how much longer are we to be assailed by the assertion that everyone has the right to belong to a trade union"? Surely it is common knowledge that this "right" doesn't extend to members of the Armed Forces or to the police and the reason for this is obvious.

It is easy to imagine the chaos that would ensue if a member of these forces refused to obey the orders of his commanding officer if his union told him not to.

In other places where national security is at risk, such as GCHQ, a comparable situation arises. No doubt the Bishop of Gloucester is right (February 8) when he says that for the vast majority of the employees at GCHQ membership of trade union does not imply that they are politically subversive, let alone a security risk, but in such a sensitive situation it is surely imprudent to allow of there being

any chance of divided loyalty.

Previous disruptions at Cheltenham have demonstrated that there has been divided loyalty, and though the consequences to date may not have been very serious the Government would surely be failing

### Countryside heritage

From Mr John Burton Sir. Who created this country heritage that so concerns Lord Melchett and others (February 6)? Arthur Young describing Lord Melchett's area of north Norfolk in

1768, wrote: All the country from Holkham to Houghton was a wild sheep-walk before the spirit of improvement seized the inhabitants: . . instead of boundless wilds, and uncultivated wastes . . . the country is all cut into inclosures. Am I the only person exasperated

by the hyperbole of the would-be conservationists with their emotive description of "hedgerows hundreds of years old"? Some few hedgerows may be, but the majority are of more recent date, as others testify.

I note that wide strips of

hedgerow have been razed to the ground. This suggests that they have not been uprooted and destroyed and will presumably rise

They understand that local democracy is important. They understand that the rates Bill will totally confuse local accountabilities. They understand that local councillors will no longer be responsible for failing to respond to

local needs and to the wishes of local They understand that people are looking to the Government to sort out the shambles into which they have allowed local government finance to fall. They understand that there are no macroeconomic arguments which would justify the Government in taking these powers and that the taking of these powers is a constitutional issue.

Yours faithfully, PATRICIA HOLLIS, Leader.

### Giving Icelandic dogs a bad name From Professor Anthony Clunies have been expected to remain This scheme, unlike most pallia-

From the Ambassador of Iceland Sir, Lately the British media, both press and television, have been somewhat preoccupied with a problem of cruelty against dogs which mistakenly has been reported to exist in Iceland. The confusion in this matter arose initially because of a municipal regulation which since 1924, has prohibited the keeping of dogs within the Reykjavik city limits because of a disease which then existed.

it should be noted, however, that the communities adjacent to Reyk-javik allow dogs, and the dog ban in Reykjavik has in fact not been strictly enforced. At present the Mayor of Reykjavik is considering proposals which will be put to the city council and, if accepted, would lift the ban if certain conditions, e.g., veterinary inspections, dog licences

cic, are met, It will remain to be seen if the council agrees and whether, in fact. the majority of the population of Reykjavik want to have dogs in their city. Whatever the outcome, I would think it a fair comment to say that Icelanders resemble Britons in their

We have high unemployment now not because all our needs that love for dogs and other pets. Totally unrelated to this issue is the case of a mad dog which had bitten four people last September being met (poverty and deprivation abound) but because, as a society, and whose picture appeared in a daily newspaper and on Sixty Minutes on television. The police, who are normally unarmed, were called in and had to kill the dog on

the spot to avoid further injury.

This incident was reported in the Icelandic press last September and when it finds its way into the foreign media today it is erroneously considered to have something to do

with the dog ban.
The bad image which Iceland has received because of this is wholly unjustified and I would, therefore, greatly appreciate it if these facts could be brought to the attention of your readers.

Yours sincerely. EINAR BENEDIKTSSON, Embassy of Iceland, 1 Eaton Terrace, SW1. February 6.

### employment and prosperity rather than to diminish them, but there are Welsh plant research

From Mr Hanning Philipps Sir, As a son of the late Lord Milford, co-founder with Sir George Stapledon of the Welsh Plant Breeding Station, I strongly support the letter from a distinguished group of members of Cymmrodorion, entitled "Plea to preserve plant research", which appeared in your

issue of January 10. Set up in 1919 with the aim of making this country more self-sufficient in food by improving the the work of this institution was amply vindicated in the 1939-45 war. Since, in any future conventional war, starvation must still be our greatest threat, the importance the research carried on at

Aberystwyth remains undiminished. While the main emphasis of the plant-breeding station's work has throughout been geared to the improvement of Welsh farming from my own experience overseas I can speak of the great impact it has had, particularly in such far-off countries as New Zealand, Australia and even the United States, in all of which similar stations have subsequently been set up, based on the Aberystwyth pattern. And with all of these close ties in research and even interchange of staff have been maintained.

So important has been much of the research carried out at Aberyst-wyth that in 1976, as Lord Lieutenant of Dyfed, I had the privilege of presenting the Welsh Plant Breeding Station with the Queen's Award for Technological Achievement.

Taking into account the exceptional training the institute provides for students, many of them from the Third World and taking into account its record of service to Welsh farming and even to world farming, I find it difficult to believe that in their search for economies the Welsh Office could not find some less enterprising target to attack. Yours faithfully.

HANNING PHILIPPS, Picton Castle. Haverfordwest, Dyfed.

### Sentences in Malawi

From Lord Avebury and Mr All Dubs, MP for Battersea (Labour) Sir, Following today's announce-ment from Malawi (report, February 8) that the death sentences passed on the opposition leader, Orton Chirwa, and his wife, Vera, have been upheld by the National Traditional Court of Appeal, may we appeal through your columns to President Banda to exercise his prerogative of clemency and commute these death sentences? Yours faithfully, AVEBURY, Chairman, ALF DUBS Vice-Chairman

Parliamentary Human Rights Group, House of Lords.

February 7.

### Quicker by Tube? From Mr R. L. Kilpatrick

Sir, Accompanying a front-page article entitled "Space shuttle loses another satellite" (February 7) is a cartoon featuring a spaceman critically assessing the functional competency of his means of conveyance by saying, "It's always quicker to get out and walk".

Hovering clearly in the background is a Saturn-like planet with a ring, suggestively resembling the logo for London Transport. Has he discovered something which we already know?

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CIRCULAR

February 9: His Excellency Mon-sieur Francois-Charles Picter was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambamdor

Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Switzerland to the Court of St

by the following members of the Embassy who had the honour of

being presented to Her Majesty: Monsieur Claudio Caratsch (Minis-

ter), Brigadier-General Heinrich Maendli (Defence Attaché), Dr

Jakob Kellenberger (Counsellor – Economic and Financial), Monsieur Hans Buchmann (Counsellor –

Commodities and Agriculture),
Monsieur Benoit Junod (First
Secretary Josef Doswald (First
Secretary), Dr Bernhard Marfairt

(Second Secretary) and Monsieur Claude Duboulet (Anaché – Head, Consular and Administration).

Madame Pictet had the honour of

being received by The Queen. Sir Antony Acland (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign

and Commonwealth Affairs) who

had the honour of being received by

Her Majesty was present, and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance,

Forthcoming

marriages

The Hon F J Plowden and Mrs L G A Miles

Sir Frederick Houre, Bt, and Mrs J H Bamber

Mr M A A Noba and Miss A M C Ob

Mr A. F. Bell

The Rev A. P. Brown and Miss S. Thompson

Mr A. N. Dagnall and Miss A. M. Milito

Mr G. S. Elwes and Miss E. M. Manson

Thompson, of Pelsall, Walsall

The engagement is announced

between Andrew, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Dagnail, of

Chiswick, London and France, and

Anna Maria, only daughter of Signora Milito Maria in Carbone and stepdaughter of Signor Carbone Agostino, of Latina, Italy.

and Miss A. M. Compton

The engagement is announced between Michael Alfred Anthony,

The engagement is announced between Alexander Fulton Bell, of

Drumclune, Forfar, younger son of Mr and Mrs Harry Bell, of St Andrews, and Allson Mary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Compton, of West Mains of Turin,

Orton Longueville, Peterborough,

A marriage has been arranged and

will take place shortly between Frederick Hoare, of Cadogan

Square, London, and Sarah Lindsay Bamber, of co Antrim, Northern Ireland and of Eaton Place, London, widow of James H Bamber.

His Excellency was accomp

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Mr D. H. Gye and Miss R. S. Walker

The engagement is announced between David. son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs A. H. Gye. of Selborne. Hampshire, and Renny, daughter of Mr and Mrs K. R. Walker, of Springfield, Birming-

CLARENCE HOUSE The Lord Rhodes had an

COURT AND SOCIAL

February 9: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon audience of The Queen. Queen Mother this afternoon visited the Adelaide Community Miss Muriel Murray Brown had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested har with the Insigna of Commander of the Royal Victorian tion's Swiss Cottage Community Contre.
Lady Elizabeth Basset and Sir Martin Gillint were in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE.

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning selected The Duke of Edinburgh's Designer's Prize for 1984 and afterwards attended a luncheon at the Design Centre, Havmarket, SWI.

His Royal Highness was received on arrival by the Chairman of the Design Council (Sir William Barlow) and the Director (Mr Keith Grant). Mr Brian McGrath was in

attendance. The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Royal Society of Arts, this afternoon at Buckingham Palace chaired a meeting of the Society's Committee for the En-

The Duke of Edinburgh, Senio Fellow of the Fellowship of Engineering and Colonel-in-Chief of the Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, this evening chaired a meeting of the Fellowship, at which the Corps gave a presentation, at the Institution of Civil Engineers, Great George Street, SWI.

Street, SW1.
His Royal Highness subsequently dired with the Fellowship.
Captain Anthony Milton, RM, was in attendance.

The Rev D. R. Harris and Miss S. M. A. Weston

The engagement is announced between David, son of the late Mr and Mrs Rowland Harris, of Castle Hedingham, Essex, and Susan, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Joh Weston, of Sideup, Kenn

The engagement is announced between Francis, younger son of Lord & Lady Flowden, of Martels Manor, Dunmow, and Geraldine,

cider daughter of the late Mr Gerald Wickman and of Mrs Wickman, of The engagement is announced between Timothy, only son of the Ven G. and Mrs Hoilis, of Moseley, Birmingham, and Caroline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G. H Denby, of Steyning, Sussex.

and Miss G. A. Bras

The engagement is announced between Dale, only son of Mr and Mrs A. Jennings, of Falmouth. Cornwall, and Gina, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. F. Bras, of

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, elder son of Rev J. W. and Mrs Josepha, of Stoneygate, Leicester, and Christine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W. H. C. Bailey, of Storrington, Sussex.

and stepdaughter of Mrs David Gibson, of Bishopswood Grange, near Ross-on-Wya, Herefordshire. The forthcoming marriage is announced between John Eve McNuity, of Ireland Cottage, Warsash, Hampshire, elder son of the late John and Amy McNuity, and Barbara Scott, of 51 Cheisea Gardens, SW1, younger daughter of Mrs Irene Gillam, of Yorks, and the late John Scott, of Craigellachie. son of Sir Michael and Lady Nolan, of Tanners. Brasted, Westerham, Kent, and Adeline Mei Choo, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry Oh, of Singapore and Hurlingham,

and Miss H. R. Porter

The engagement is announced between Duncan, eldest son of Dr and Mrs Archie Norman, of Kingswood, Surrey, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bob Rutter, of Pyle Hill, Woking, Surrey. The engagement is announced

House, Waldron, Sussex, and Chantal, daughter of M A. Langevin, of Paris, and the late Mme H. Langevin. The engagement is announced between Anthony Paul, son of Mr and Mrs Philip Brown, of Tetten-

M. Steel. Glanton, Northumberland and Sheila, elder daughter of Mr J. G. Stratz, Lugano, Switzerland, and Mrs J. G. McCarthy, of Kensington,

and Dr E. E. Nilheden

and Miss M. Assersohr

The engagement is announced between Adrian, son of Mr and Mrs R. Truss, of Rake, West Sussex, and Maureen Assersohn, of Milland, West Sussex, only daughter of Mr Jerrold Assersohn and the late Mrs Ratty Assersohn

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Richard Hughes will be held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, on February 28, at noon.

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February 9: The Prince of Wales this

morning at Kensington Palace received His Excellency Dr V. A.

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February 9: Princess Alexandra this

afternoon visited BBC External

Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox

Services at Bush House, London

was in altendance.

Her Royal Highness, as Patron, later visited the offices of the Mental Health Foundation at

Hallam Street, London WI.
Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was

A thanksgiving service for the life of Sir Hedley Atkins will be held at St Clement Danes, Strand, on Wednes-day, April 11, at 11,30am.

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Marriage

Mr T. S. Hollis and Mrs A. C. Brand

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and Miss S. A. Stratz

The engagement is announced between Richard, youngest son of the late Mr J. E. Steel and of Mrs B.

A service of thankspiving for the life of John Le Mesurier will be held on Thursday, February 16, at noon in the Actors' Church, St. Paul's Covent Garden,

Judge I. R. Taylor, QC and Mrs A. J. Goldman The marriage took place quietly in Manchester on February 9 of Judge Ivor R. Taylor, QC, and Mrs Joyce Goldman, both of Altrincham, Cheshire.

Birthdays today

Mr Larry Adler, 70; Dame Judith Anderson, 86; Lieutenant-General Sir Nigel Bagnall, 57; Miss Olwyn Bowey, 48; Mrs Elisabeth Carson, 92; Dr Alexander Comfort, 64; Dr Walter Hamilton, 76; Field Marshal Lord Harding of Petherton, 88; Sir Alister Hardy, 88; Professor J. Heslop-Harrison, 64; Mr Harold Macmillan, OM, 90; Lord Milne, 75; Lord Orr-Ewing, 72; Sir Idwal

Queen Alexandra's House

A wine and cheese party to celebrate the centenary of Queen Alexandra's House will be held for past and present students on Wednesday, March 21, between 6.30 and 8.30 pm. Former students should apply to the Principal, Queen Alexandra's House, Kensington, Gore, London, SW7 2QT, before February 28.

St Edmund's College

The Governors of St Edmund's College, Ware, have appointed Brigadier C. Hince to succeed Captain J. J. Phillips as clerk to the governors and bursar in August

**Dinners** 

The Speaker gave a dinner in Speaker's House yesterday in honour of a parliamentary delegation from the Republic of Ireland led by the Ceann Combairie of the Dail. The Ambassador for the

Royal Automobile Club Prince Michael of Kent, President of Prince Michael of Kent, President of the Royal Automobile Club, presented the RAC, Diamond Jubilee Trophy to Mr Richard Noble, holder of the world land speed record, at a dinner given by Mr Jeffrey Rose, Chairman of the RAC, and the committee in the clubhouse, Pall Mall, London, last night. The Duke of Richmond and

night. The Duke of Richmond and Gordon, and Sir Carl Aarvold, vicepresidents of the club, were among British Diabetic Association

British Diapetic Association
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by
the Sheriffs and their ladies, last
night attended a dinner held in aid
of the British Diabetic Association
at Plaisterers' Hall, Sir Harry

Secondar President of the associ-Secombe, President of the associ-ation, presided

Reception

Lord Mayor of Westminster The Lord Mayor of Westminst was host at a civic reception held yesterday evening at the Hotel Inter-Continental. The guests included: The Norwesian Ambassace



The National Theatre players on stage with their Oxo Tower

## Touch of drama on Coin Street

The drama of the controversial Coin Street redevelopment plan for the South Bank near to the National Theatre last night moved inside the theatre with a play about the 10-year fight by local people to prevent office development in the

With a backdrop of the threatened Oxo Tower, a cast of nine, most of them National Theatre players, are giving two platform performances (the second is tonight) in the Cottlesloe Theatre.

This drama documentary with music of the long-running saga, with the dreadful title,

Memorial services

Mr T. F. Blackwell

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A memorial service for Mr Thomas
Francis Blackwell was held yesterday in the Guards Chapet,
Wellington Barracks. The Rev
Neville Thomas officiated. Mr John
Blackwell (brother) read from
"Journey for a Soul" by Pope John
XXIII and Mr Jocelyn Hambro read
the lesson. Viscount Whitelaw, CH,
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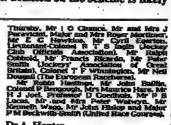
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Margaret Marchoness of Aberdeen. He
Marchandess of Tavishock, was Earl of

Elementary my dear... Homes!, has been written by Louanne Tranchell and Mark Wheatley and is directed by Elliott Cooper, of the National

Theatre Company,
Mr Cooper, who has followed the arguments
about the redevelopment plan during the six
years he has spent at the National, said the play was a way of presenting the controversy in a more entertaining way.

The show is well timed, for next week a public inquiry into the closure of roads in the area is to open, and a final decision on the scheme is likely by April.



A service of thanksgiving for the life of Dr Alastair Hunter was held yesterday at St Paul's, Knights-bridge. The Rev Ian Alnsworth-Smith officiated, assisted by the Rev Christopher Courtauld and the Rev Anthony Hirst. Mr John Elliott, President of the Thames Hare and Hounds Club, and Dr Richard West, Dean of St George's Hospita Medical School, read the lessons and Sir Douglas Logan gave an address. Among those present were:

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### Science report

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### Wild sea eagle may hatch in UK By Hugh Clayton

This year may see the first successful British hatching of a wild sea eagle in living memory. Captive wild birds from abroad have been released in the Western Isles of Scotland for more than eight years. Eggs were laid last year but broken, probably by the eagles themselves, before hatching.

The emergence of chicks in 1984 would be an outstanding success for the reintroduction campaign supported by the Nature Conservancy Council, the wildlife quango. The white-tailed sea eagle is one of the most striking of European wild birds, its wingspan can reach more than six feet and its age

more than 40 years. Like other birds of prey it is a ruthless and graceful hunter.
One observer watched one being mobbed by seaguils.
"With a sudden and elegant twist, it succeeded in grasping one reckless individual which it then plucked and ate on a post near by."

The incident is recalled in a book about the white-tailed sea eagle by Mr John Love, manager of the official effort to persuade the bird to live and breed again in the wilds of Scotland. The bird has a long history of persecution which ended in Britain in 1918 when

Research suggests that the bird is in decline almost everywhere, that about 1,000 pairs survive in Europe, and that Scotland provides some excellent settings for efforts at reintroduction. Scotland is one of the most

important refuges in Europe for the golden eagle. But that bird lives inland in areas which had a sparse human population in the years when the sea eagle was being persecuted on the coast. Golden eagles often flee when approach their eyries. White-tailed sea eagles are more likely to circle near by and present an easy target.

They were once found roun much of the Scottish coast and in parts of England. At one stage a bounty of a shilling a bird was offered to those who killed them in the Lake District. Their eggs were often stolen for collectors and the wings of sea eagles were once sold in Norway as brooms.

They eat many fish and hares, but few lambs. Despite the claims of many detailed legends, they do not carry off and eat children. But reintroduction in Scotland will not be easy if farmers there fear that the birds may take their

Mr Love believes that most of the lambs eaten by sea eagles are dead, often from starvation, before the birds find them. "Sheep and lambs have generated more emotion among shepherds than they ever provided actual nourish ment for eagles", he writes.
The Return of the Sea Eagle,
Cambridge University Press;

### **OBITUARY** MISS MARY SKEAPING Ballet director and producer

reconstructions of long-lost

Mary Skeaping was born at Woodford, Essex, on December 15, 1902. Her dance studies provided an understanding of several traditions, as she numbered among her teachers the Italian dancer and mime Francesca Zanfretta, the Russian the Nemchinova-Dolin Ballet Skeaping's fame began once her personal dancing days were over.

After spending the war years teaching in South Africa, she was in charge of the dancing in film, The Little Ballerina, in 1947, and the following year became ballet mistress of the Sadler's Wells Ballet at Covent Garden. She left after three years to start a cureer as a free-lance producer, but also spent nine years from 1953 as director of the Royal Swedish Ballet in

Mary Skeaping a distinguished director and producer of ballet, died on February 9 in St Charles's Hospital, Kensington. She was hased at the Drottningholm Company of the Drottningholm Compan 81. Her reputation was based at the Drottningholm Court chiefly on her productions of Theatre outside Stockholm, The chiefly on her productions of Theatre outside Stockholm, The the nineteenth century ballet most celebrated of those productions was Cupid out of his classics, but she was an expert also in earlier historical periods humour. to Purcell's masic, and had made a unique mounted for a visit to Sweden. contribution to understanding by Queen Elizabeth II in 1965. of old dance styles by her Another notable achievement at director was to persuade the choreographer Antony Euder, back to Europe to create the most substantial of his later

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ballets, Echoing of Trumper. As early as 1951, Mary Skeaping had been responsible for the production of The Sleeping Beauty which was BBC. Television's first live trans-mission of a full-length ballet. emigres Novikov, Trefilova and Egorova, and the Hungarian Rudolph von Laban, besides the outstanding English teacher Margaret Craske, However, in spite of appearing with various companies including Pavlova's and the Nemerican Pavlova's often with Ballet for All, and often with Ballet for All, and some of her historic pro-

edged as an expert particularly in seventeenth and eighteenth century dance styles. In Stockholm she made a television. series on historic dance styles, and she was the author of a monograph, Ballet under the Three Crowns, on the history of ballet in Sweden from 1637 to 1792,

Her work was recognized by her appointment as MBE in 1958, and the award of the Order of Vasa in 1961 and the It was during that period that Order of Vasa in 1961 and Mary Skeaping began her Carina Ari Medal in 1971.

colleague Dr R. E. Bonham

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in London for the care of

### DR BERNARD SCHLESINGER

Dr. Bernard Schlesinger, many ways well in advance of formerly Senior Physician at The Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street and Consultant Paediatrician at University College Hospital died on January 25 at the age of Paediatric Association and was its president in 1954-5.

Educated at Uppingham, he refused a commussion in the 1914-18 War and served in the ranks throughout, both on the Western Front and in the Middle East where he entered Jerusalem with Allenby. He then undertook his medical studies at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and at University College Hospital, and qualified in 1924.

He turned early to his chosen speciality and after resident training at Great Ormond Street was appointed to the staff there in 1927 and to University College Hospital in 1946. His paediatric interests were widespread and included the rheumatic disorders of childhood which was the subject of a the Royal College of Physicians in 1938. He had been elected FRCP in 1936.

His paediatric views were in

### director.

Mr Philip Schneidau, DSO, who as a flight lieutenant in the RAF was one of the first British officer agents parachuted into occupied France in the Second World War and established the nucleus of an intelligence organization there died in Cheltenham on January 24. He

Born of British parents in

France, Schneidau was com-missioned and was selected for the hazardous operations across the Channel. His wife in Paris it, she being tortured by the Gestapo and her father, who Nazaire submarine base on his person, being sent to Buchen-

92; Mrs Schneidau is still alive. After his first parachute lescent Schneidau returned to Britain, being one of the first agents embarked by night in a Lysander aircraft from enemy territory. On this journey the

children born prematurely They were also amongst the first 87. He was the last surviving to make provisions for mothers founding member of the British to live in with their side. to live in with their sick children in a London teaching hospital Schlesinger served in the RAMC throughout the Second

World War, rising to the rank of Brigadier, and while in India he became Consultant Physician to the North West Army and Central Commands. He was appointed OBE for his services and continued as honorary Civilian Consultant in Paedia trics to the Army until his retirement.

The affectionately given nickname of "Jumbo" characterised his geniality and warmth, as well as his exuberance on the tennis and squash courts, where well into his seventies he could wear down opponents decades his junior. His only concession to winter would be a small scarf around his neck.

In 1925 he married Wmifred Regensberg who was a talented amateur violinist. They had five children, three of whom survive and their son John has carned international acclaim as a film

### MR PHILIP SCHNEIDAU

was 80.

Paris on September 4, 1903, Schneidau was educated in Guernsey and Devon and in France. At the age of 21 he chose British nationality and in 1940 was driver and interpreter to Air Marshal Arthur Barratt in France, with the rank of sergeant. In Britain, after the fall of

and her father, Paul Schiffmacher, were also engaged in clandestine activities against the Nazis, and were subsequently both betrayed and suffered for was caught with plans of St wald. He survived and lived to

aircraft crashed in northwest

Two months later he was again parachuted into France and landed in a tree, where he was suspended for most of the night, injuring himself is struggling to get free On recovering from his injuries be carried out the task set him, and. again returned to Britain by Lysander

The citation for the DSO which he was later awarded said became a chartered accountant that his experiences had been of great value in developing and training his successors. But referring to the betrayal of his family the citation added; Owing to circumstances beyond our control, this promising project has met with disaster and Flight Lieutenant Schneidau has suffered personal loss and acute anxiety as the result of his high efforts in the

Allied cause".
After his second return from France Schneidau was employed in arranging air and sea transport to and from France for Polish and French. agents. He was appointed a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour and received the Crox? de Guerre, his wife also received awards for her cottrage. After being attached to the

British Embassy in Paris from-1944 to 1947 Schneidan-resumed his profession and later became a financial adviser. and consultant in Paris. In addition to his wife he is



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## THE ARTS

Andrea Chenier tonight, at long last, returns to Covent Garden, with José Carreras in the title role. Interview by John Higgins

## No time to count the calories

Carreras has been singing in Bohème at Covent Garden.
"The best Rodolfo we have" was the response of one critic, and certainly it is a part which Puccini might have tailored in Paris, operatically speaking, and tonight tackles the title role of Andrea Chenier.

Giordano's best-known opera wells during the days of the Craig-Glossop partnership there. It is half a century, though, since it has been heard at Covent Garden. The absence with this classification of heavy without the Caballe family? is a little strange because few major Italian tenors, from Caruso and Gigli onwards, than a pizzicato in the orches-would have thought their tra. Rodolfo in Bohème, gener-careers complete without sing-ally reckoned a purely lyric part. ing Chenier. And the same in Act III needs far more vocal applies to a number of non-Italians, including Thill and now

Chenier comes after a year in which Carreras has been tackwhich Carreras has been tackling some of the heavier roles of
the lialian tenor repertory for
the first time on stage. There
was Calaf in the Vienna State
Opera's Turandot in midsummer: nobody much liked the
production but Carreras's performance was reckoned a
success. Soon after came his

Tarreras whose technique is

there are certain operas one
should not sing too often. It's
karajan, released last autumn,
important to ration out the
appearances and then turn to
something quite different. A
German tenor, after performing
in Wagner, will make sure he
does a few Taminos; I lighten
my voice by going back to
something quite different. A
ductions, one in Zurich and the
other in Madrid. Had he
deliberately tried Bizet first out
of the giare of the major
operatic circuit?

"No. I reelize that some of first Manrico outside the recording studios in a revival of // travatore at Covent Garden, one of the better evenings of a disappointing season, in which the tenor had clearly worked hard at the role and deserved his triumph. There has also been Alvaro in La sorza del destino at La Scala as well as at

he Met in New York. Does Carreras, who was 37 in becember and has so far been

he Boy in the Bush (Channel

4 began with a young Englis-mn being dispatched to Aus-trlia in order to "strengthen his chracter". - an arguable de-

cison, and one which will no

doubt have fatal consequences.

For some reason, there always

are fatal consequences in tele-visoa drama. Although this

series has been adapted from a

novil by D. H. Lawrence, it was

har to believe that its script

bon much resemblance to the

orignal dialogue; but the commination of a rather tacitum

Englishman and a sultry female

coush - she has "a great sense of fur but no tact", which might be the definition of a Lawren-

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most of whom seemed immedi-

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GILLIAN ARMSTRONG

("My Billiant Career")

think of myself as that lyric specially for him. But Rodolfo has now passed to Veriano Luchetti while Carreras remains

Alvaro and Chenier is that I need the constant stimulus of new roles. My mentality and temperament have always demanded both excitement and commanded both excitement and got his first major part, Ismaele of his first major part

> with this classification of 'heavy roles'. Take Alvaro. Often he has to contend with no more and professional support. I just than a pizzicato in the orchesthink it would have needed power than Alvaro, and much the same could be said of Cavaradossi in Tosca, It would

> Carrreras, whose technique is exemplary and who is clearly my colleagues prefer to test a able to pace his own develop- new part in a small opera house. ment, is probably alone among the world's leading tenors in never having had a professional singing teacher. The man who first helped him is now 74 and still lives in Barcelona, Carreras's birthplace; he retains his

For the past fortnight José considered as a lyric tenor him for advice on my voice and Carreras has been singing in despite excursions into operas on what I should do next. Never like Atda at the Salzburg have I felt the need to go to Festival, see this as a turning-point in his career? "No, I still The other person who fur-

thered the Carreras career was Montserrat Caballe's brother, Carlos, who heard him entirely by chance when he was auditioning at the Licea in Barcelona. Carreras at that time got his first major part, Ismaele in Verdi's Nabucco, A little later rezia Borgia. Could he have been lost to chemistry for ever without the Caballe family? "They both gave me great moral perhaps another five years to get

started."
Surprisingly, it took Carreras. who has shown plenty of sympathy for the French reper-Cavaradossi in Tosca. It would tory, some time to get around to be more accurate to say that his namesake José in Carmen. there are certain operas one His recording of the part, under

"No. I realize that some of That's never been my approach. If I decide to take on a role then I'm quite happy to sing it for the first time in a major inter-national house. It just happened that the offers from Zurich and Madrid came at the moment amateur status and the confidence of his own star pupil. When I thought it was right for Carreras is fond of referring me to tackle José. And possibly to roles like Manrico, Calaf and "Every time I go home I see what I sang for Karajan was Andrea Chenier as the tenor's

rather different. From the start Karajan said to me 'With your voice and your personality you must make Jose a very roman-tic figure'. So together we tried to create a rather naive character, a boy who is an optimist, who believes right up to the last act that everything will turn out to be all right in the end." That Carmen turned out to be one of the best opera sets of 1983. So far Carreras has not

touched the German repertoire either on record, on stage or in recital. The reason, he claims, is purely linguistic. "I have never wanted to be a papagallo [parrot] mouthing words I do not understand. Some of my fellow artists are quite happy to sing in languages of which they speak not a word, but that is not for me. Before I sing in German I will have to learn German, and that takes time. One of these days perhaps I will; then I could be a Walther, a Lohengrin or a Max in Freichütz. The same applies to Russian, In many ways Lensky in Eugene Onegin would be an ideal role. I've discussed it with Colin [Davis]. Maybe I could do it in nglish at Covent Garden ..."
There are reservations of a

different kind about Otello, which remains one of the few holes in Carreras's Verdi repertoire, although he is none too keen to return to Radames despite Karajan's luring him into the Salzburg production. "I don't think you should consider taking on Otello before you are 40, so I will not be opening the score for another four or five years. At the moment I haven't the right voice, nor have I got the human or artistic maturity.

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José Carreras as Andrea Chenier

"high calorie" diet. Nothing on the Italian menu comes stuffed with more calories than Otello. So, as far as the recording industry is concerned, he will try to lower the richness of the intake a little. A Nemorino (Elisir) for Philips, a Pinkerton with Levine, a Duke in Rigoletto with Muti (not many

Cinema

On the road to a moral hell

demands on the voice), an unknown Rossini, Ermione, with Claudio Scimone, and another testing part, the title role in Donizetti's Poliuto. Enough calories for the time being

Carreras gives a recital of popular song at the Barbican on May 5.

### As with his piece on Lee Harvey Oswald, Michael Hastings's Tom and Viv is a stage biography assembled from the sketchiest source material; by which I do not mean to imply that Mr Hastings is given to perverse choices, but rather that he uses the stage to tackle puzzles inaccessible to formal biography. As with Oswald, so the life of T. S. Eliot presents a large puzzle - in the shape of a first wife reputed to be mad, who vanished into institutional seclusion and was firmly erased from the public Eliot record. If the Eliot estate finds fault

Theatre

Pent up emotions

Tom and Viv Royal Court

with Mr Hastings's play, it has only itself to blame for sitting tight on the evidence and allowing rumours to fester. Tom

and Viv is not a piece of extravagant fiction. Through a

chronological series of short,

often abruptly cut-off scenes, it

follows the events with almost ostentations attention to surfac-

es, at the expense of inner

thoughts; often leaving you with

the wish that the author had indulged his imagination a bit

All the same, a clear pyscho-

Vivienne Haigh Wood - who

What follows is a latter-day

dance of death, supervised by the members of the Haigh

Wood family, who would have stopped the marriage bad they been able to, but afterwards relied on Eliot to look after the

girl whose instability they could

hardly bring themselves to face. So far as Eliot is concerned.

the portrait undergoes a most subtle and persuasive trans-

formation. In the early scenes,

he figures as a victim: misled, perhaps, by Anglophile snob-bery, but utterly powerless to deal with Vivienne's possessive

excesses once he escaped from

the family bank job and began to take his place in the literary

The pain comes out chiefly

by means of scenic contrast. Here is Vivienne dressed en

travestle as Crippen's mistress, showing off her husband's

disapproving mother (Margaret

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establishment.

Tom Wilkinson: Eliot's responses marvellously captured

has posted his briefcase down the rubbish chute, as he stands there adjusting his tie as if going out to meet a firing squad.

logical outline does emerge; beginning with the young Eliot's besotted attachement to Eliot's response throughout marvellously captured by Tom Wilkinson – is to preserve a studied, stoical passivity. He is totally incapable of breaking British decorum so far as to similtaneously embodied the patrician British society he wished to exchange for his St Louis heritage and an impulsiveness of temperament which attack her, only at oblique he singularly lacked. "Take the moments, as where she innoplunge, Tom" is her call throughout; and he is never able to rise to it.

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does his wrath break out.
As eminence takes its toll, however, it also supplies him with an alibi for absence; and his sheer disappearance from the scene, and the cold-blooded long-range separation and commital decisions, tell their own story. By the end, with Vivienne staunchly defending him, and refusing other help, the sympathies have swung round to her side. This is largely thanks to the work of Julie

Covington, whose performance works miracles of surprise and unexpected shafts of generosity.

Max Stafford-Clark's production, which turns Eliot's bowler and umbrella into symbolic emblems and projects the conflicting worlds of the period on Antony McDonald's mansion-backed stage, is a model of expressive discipline.

The part of Monticelso in the Greenwich production of The White Devil is played by Charles Kay, as stated in my notice of February 6. My apologies to both artists.

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of doom throats. There was certainly room for mutual dislike: Dr Rackett has a soul which is rotting away, according to a farmhand, and the dreadful grandmother spends most of her time talking about corpses, maggots and her missing leg. Kenneth Branagh, as Jack, has

the right mixture of aggression-and reserve, and the Australian The first episode (three to theatrical masculinity which come) vas necessarily involved in introducing the characters, most of vhom seemed immedities was so prominent a feature of The Thorn Birds. As a result, this was a better adaption than might have been expected; it

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Peter Tegel. "Michael Bogdanov's

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has managed to create an atmosphere of mystery and violence which has not yet toppled over into melodrama.

Here We Stand (Channel 4) was billed as a World in Action Special although, as is usually the case with documentaries which advertise their importance in advance, it was not quite as special as all that. The setting was the "bandit country" of Ulster, just north of the border with the Irish Republic, and it was a study of the Protestant community of that area who are, it seems, tired of being accused of dour bigotry and mindless factionalism. Here they spoke for themselves - not the first time this has fear and anger which possess these people do not stale in repetition.

They proposed various arguments in self-justification. It was suggested that Protestantism, in contrast to Catholicism, acted as a liberal force in society, and that economic necessity rather than atavistic loyalty bound Ulster to the United Kingdom. That may well be the case, for some Protestants at least – but others. were equally keen to denounce Catholicism as "blasphemy" and seemed to be animated by that purblind tribalism which divides the world into "us" against "them". I suspect that these are the people who have the future in their pockets, like a







Time takes cover: Gene Hackman on the run in Under Cover, and the with Jo Kennedy as the

Costa-Gavras's Missing was set in Chile, Stephen Frears's Salgon - Year of the Cat in Vietnam, Peter Lilienthal's The Uprising in Nicaragua, Roger Spottiswoode's Under Fire, written by Ronald Shelton and Clayton Froham, is also set in Nicaragua, in the last throes of the Somoza regime.

The recurrent preoccupation of these films with modern political backgrounds - others are Peter Weir's The Year of Peter Ackroyd

Living Dangerously and Volker
Schloendorff's Circle of Deceit
is the role of the neutral
reporter, or, rather, the impossibility of staying uncommitted at the centre of these bloody bits of history. Here Nick Noite is the essential voyeur, the photoreporter. Moving from one trouble spot (Chad) to another, he finds himself with the same travelling circus of compatriots, a Time features man (Gene Hackman), a radio commen-tator (Joanna Cassidy) and an ubiquitous mercenary (Ed Harris). A more metaphorical representative of the American position is the advertising man dedicated to the job of giving a more flattering public image to Somoza and his rotting despot-

> In the format of a fast-moving and gripping adventure story, the film also presents a complex moral drama, in which the hero's undirected good intentions lead him to a series of betrayals: he betrays his friend, the revolutionaries with whom he discovers sympathy, even his profession. The plot offers a nice irony: while a news photograph that he fakes effects political good, his honest reportages produce only de-

In conformity with Hollywood traditions, political events are seen from the viewpoint of the personal drama (but how, in reality, do we ever view politics in which we are actually involved, but from the individual position?). The Latin-American situation is inevitably simplified and fictionalized; but it is not trivialized or shirked. While the film faces the possibility that right or left, Somoza or Sandinista, may in the end only prove alternative tyrannies, it does unequivocally bring the American public some home truths about the dubious alliances that can result from the crusade against the spread of communism. The Somoza frying pan in the end looks a lot worse than the Sandinistan fires. The film is a valuable complement to Deborah Shaffer



joyous climax of Star Struck, 18-year-old former barmaid lowered in triumph on to the stage of the

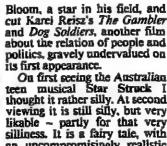
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cinemas. Shooting on the spot, Shaffer and Sigel showed the support that the United States is still giving to the revitalized Samoza National Guard (the monsters of Under Fire) in their guerrilla war against Sandinista Nicaragua. Sceing these two films together can only stimulate a healthy spirit of enquiry in American audiences; and that is not a bad thing for

movies to achieve. The characters are well rounded: aside from the principals, René Enriques's portrait of Somoza stands out. The dic-tator is no melodrama despot, but a petty, pompous, self-seeking nasty little man, hooked on ancestor worship and Miss

As director, Roger Spottiswoode's previous films have been a Canadian teenage horror, Terror Train, which was brightand Tom Sigel's remarkable er and less sleazy than the rest, documentary Nicaragua: Report and a salvage job. The Pursuit of



likable - partly for that very silliness. It is a fairy tale, with an uncompromisingly realistic setting. The heart of its world is a rather grimy old pub (which seems to be a real place) tucked at one end of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Three generations of the family that run it argue volubly while endeavouring to make ends meet in this Australian reply to The Rover's Return.

The youngest generation, however, have their dreams. Eighteen-year-old Jackie wants to be pop star, and her 14-yearold cousin Angus (Ross O'Do-novan, a Pinocchio lookalike) appoints himself her manager and spends his time thinking up outrageous publicity schemes like a topless wirewalk (with fake -big breasts) over the Sydney streets and hijaking the Opera House. Other novelties are a boys-only aquatic ballet in the Busby Berkeley manner. This bumptious lark is a far

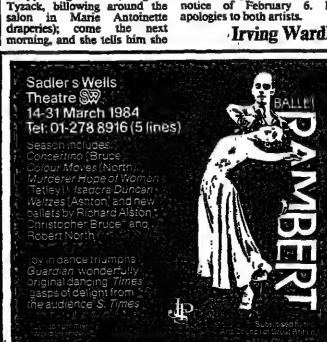
cry from the literary period-piece My Brilliant Career, which was Gillian Armstrong's previous film as director, though it does share the same keen affection for adolescent ambition. The special attrac-tions of Star Struck are its unremitting vitality, the pawky dialogue, by Stephen MacLean (without raising her eyes from the cold buffet Granny informs a customer, who remarks on Jackie's nice legs, "they ain't on the menu"); and irrepressible kindliness - a quality not to be spurned in the age of Scarface and Sudden Impact.

To coincide with posthumous publication of Luis Bunuel's funny, malicious, innocent, self-revelatory autobigraphy My Last Breath, the National Film Thratre is presenting an almost complete retrospective of his works from 1928 and the scandalous Un Chien Andalou.

Still to come (Tuesday, 6.15), and worth seeking out as another rarity, is his 1953 film Abismos de pasion, a transpo-sition of Wuthering Heights to Mexico. Emily Bronte was a talisman for the surrealists; Bunnel was handicapped by his actors and lack of resources but. incorruptible surrealist as he was, evoked in some magical moments the surrealist ecstasy of *amour fou*.

Nor should the chance be missed to re-view the majestic 1952 Robinson Crusoe included in BBC2's celebration of Bunuel tomorrow - or his last film, That Obscure Object of Desire, the realization of an old dream of filming another favourite text of the surrealists, Pierre Louys's La Femme et le pantin. It is to be hoped not too many people are put off by the NFI's retitling of the films. Whimsically, they have translated long-familiar titles like Subida al cielo, Cela s'appelle l'aurore and Illusion viaja en tranvia. Buñuel was so good with titles that they are evocative even when you do not know the meaning. Mexican Busride, That's Called Dawn and The Runaway Street-

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## Imperial poised to expand its empire By Jonathan Clare .

The Imperial Group expects to make acquisitions among embryonic industries which are completely unrelated to its traditional core businesses of tobacco, brewing foods and

restaurants.
Mr Geoffrey Kent, who has chaired the company for the last chaired the company for the last two-and-a-half years and seen its return to blue-chip status, said yesterday that the operating subsidiaries had been asked to suggest possible acquisitions both in their own fields and elsewhere. But he added that he did not expect Imps to make a "significant" acquisition during the industry as a whole. The tobacco market has been dividends. The sares rose 2p to 154p. But Mr Kent admitted that Holo would take time to turn round to the point "where it is making the returns I want."

Investment 'significant" acquisition during the current year and that stable for the last 15 months investment in unrelated indus-

tries would of limited. He also said that Courage. Imps' brewing subsidiary, had not asked if it could make an offer for Tollemache & Cob-bold, the unquoted East Anglian brewery.

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The many developments of recent years may not have raised status but haver sharpened profitable takeovers. And if high streets are ever lined with investment shops, the trust companies' time will have come.

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THEXTIMES

## FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

**Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet** 

## Enter a third force in money broking

A third force in international money broking, dominated by the two Londonbased firms, Mercantile House and Exco International, is rising from the ashes of the old Charles Fulton empire that collapsed at the beginning of 1982. Quietly, and with the minimum of fuss, a deal has been struck in New York that turns Charles Fulton (UK), into the third largest money brokers in America and is the first step in a dynamic young team's attempt to re-create a worldwide broking

On January 5 the Charles Fulton team successfully completed 18 months of negotiations to take over Maybon, Nugent and Godsell. New York's largest traders in US government stocks. The deal was difficult to conclude because Exco International held 25 per cent. Working for the Fulton team was the fact that the young dealers in Maybon wanted to pull out, not only from Exco but from the control of the "old men" running the American com-

Mr Ron Valance, the finance director at Charles Fulton, refused to disclose how much was paid (in the "tens of millions of pounds") but did say that the dealers at Maybon now own a significant slice of the equity of the combined group. A diversification into financial services is the next

The story began in March 1982 when Charles Fulton started losing money in some of its operations. It was then owned by Gill & Duffus, the commodity dealers, with 44 per cent, some funds in the Robert Fleming stable which held 11 per cent, and chief executive Mr Stephen O'Brien. An attempted £7m management buy-out failed because Gill & Duffus insisted on a quick sale. Mercantile House's £6.5m cash offer was accepted. Mercantile was ruthless in making the business conform to its thinking.

By May 1982 Mercantile was finding it increasingly difficult to hold the operation together. Staff were leaving "in droves" or demanding the right to buy themselves out. The first division to gain its freedom was Mr Robin Packshaw's for £700,000. The Middle-East operation, where local Arab interests had a stake, was bought out. In July 1982 Mr Bob Phelan and his team of dealers bought out the Hongkong, Singapore and Malaysian businesses. Mercantile had to let go the profitable parts of Charles Fulton for a total £5.5m. a million less than they paid for the whole group. Mercantile however had succeeded in insuring that the departed divisions were separate and unlikely to come together into a "new" Charles Fulton to compete with Mercanile.

Yet in 18 months the business and dealers have regrouped. The company now has direct lines to all the British local authorities, deals for two of the clearers and has an impressive corporate client list that include the leading insurance companies, industrial groups and building societies.

The age of those involved is material. Mr Valance, in his late thirties, and Mr Packshaw are considered the old men of the firm. The rest are in their twenties and carly thirties. They begin work at 7am and have a strong will to succeed.

"We were a long way behind the two majors and we had to begin closing that gap. This deal in New York successfully does that", Mr Valance believes. The next step is to re-establish a close trading link with Mr Phelan's Far East group, also trading under the Charles Fulton banner.

"They have just negotiated an agreement with the major money brokers in Japan, Yemani, and have now a stronger operation than existed before Mercantile. But that situation is as delicate as the New York deal and could take just as long."

Charles Fulton (UK) needed backers to begin and they materialized in the shape of Wedd, Durlacher Mordaunt, the premier stock jobbers. Wedd now holds about 30 per cent. "This is a people business and dependent on the expertise of its staff; so they have to have the majority interest," Mr Valance said,

A new parent company is being established, Charles Fulton International, which, the London team hope, will also attract the European, predominantly Swiss and Luxembourg.operations back into the

"We paid for the US deal from our own resources - 18 months of dealing profits and we go for profits, not turnover. We want to keep the margins as high as we can for as long as we can; in other words a very

tight rein on costs while we expand,". And next? "We move into financial services staying as close to our broking expertise as we can. We cannot get into the area of conflicts of interest with our clients, particularly the banks. So we are spending time identifying those areas where our clients do not provide a service.

lt's a tricky business."
The New York business has been renamed Prebon Money Brokers Inc. specializing in Federal funds, currency deposits and foreign exchange broking. Mr Valance admits to eying a New York stockbroker but is otherwise secretive. "We have to have a world-wide business established as quickly as we can".

### Moving forward in rule-book chains

Murmurings of discontent are beginning to filter through to the Stock Exchange Council over rules governing the trading practices of the new international dealing subsidiaries (IDs) of member firms.

Of the six major partnerships to evolve so far from the changing practices of the Stock Exchange, all but two are setting up their own international dealers and pumping in substantial amounts of cash. Operations begin formally on April 1 and for the first time British firms should have a real chance of competing successfully with the major Japanese and American brokerage houses for British institutional overseas business. That business is worth in commissions lost to the London

The major bleat is against the rule that prohibits IDs from dealing in British stocks abroad, in particular American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) of British blue chip companies, which have become a booming sucess.

The problem is a difficult one for the council. IDs can deal as principals, or market makers, and as agents executing the order, so they become the first dual capacity firms in London. As they will not be charging a minimum fixed rate of commission, IDs will be working models of the Stock Exchange that is expected ultimately to emerge from the council's restructuring of the rule book.

While single capacity, the split between market making jobbers and agent brokers, lasts brokers tear they will lose out if IDs are allowed to deal in British equities for

# Loan ruling may force BAe to abandon Airbus project

By Our Financial Staff

forced to pull out of the Airbus consortium if the Government refuses to give it all the cheap cash it wants to pay off its part in the new A320 version of the Airbus.
The City expects the Government will tell British Aerospace

that it will have to go to the private sector to raise half the £437m it needs. This would mean it would be faced with raising expensive cash that it can ill afford and which institutional investors may be reluctant to risk, instead of the cheap loan that the Govern-ment could offer. Acrospace is putting £200m, of its own resources towards the £640m share it has to put into the

A decision is expected soon -City sources believe that the assumptions. Government has already spelt

British Aerospace may be options which are available The company's directors

were not available yesterday, but the chairman, Sir Austin Pearce, threatened before Christmas to pull out of the A320 deal unless he received

government backing.

Lord Rockley of Kleinwort

Benson, the merchant bank
which brought British Acrospace back to the private sector three years ago, said: "As far as we are concerned the Government and the company are still talking. Your guess is as good as mine as to when this matter will

However, he preferred not to comment on whether the company had put out feelers in the City to see whether £200m or more could be raised and he said that it would be wrong for probably next week - and some The Times to make any

The Department of Trade

possibility of raising private friends. cash was an option that had been considered and added that it was normal for the Government to provide only 50 per cent of "launch aid" for such

Rolls-Royce has received only 50 per cent aid for a new engine which could be used to power the A320.

The likelihood of British Aerospace having to put up half the cash it needs has already been reflected in the share price, now 217p compared with a high

One view expressed strongly in the City yesterday was that it would be better if the Government did only offer half the cash British Aerospace wants. encouraging the company to pull out of the project. One analyst said: "If they walk away from this deal it would be a sound commercial decision

**Assets of** 

**Brick** put

at £300m

By Jeremy Warner

The pet assets of London

Brick are worth £300m or 215p

a share, Mr Jeremy Rowe, the

chairman, disclosed yesterday as part of the company's

campaign against an unwanted £212m takeover bid from

The disclosure was forced out

of London Brick after two days

of heated argument with the Takeover Panal, and Hanson

Trust regards the release of the

asset revaluation at this stage of

the takeover battle as a tactcal

reserve, with a forecast of

dividends for this year for use if

Hanson once more raised its

But the Panel persuaded London Brick to issue the

London Brick's shares closed

on the stock market 2p higher at 155p. This comapres with

Hanson's bid of 145p a share in

Hanson claimed that if the

new valuation were incorporated

in the company's balance sheet

it could significantly harm future years profits and under-mine the forecast of profits of

£36m that the company has

already made for this year

because of extra depreciation

But London Brick said the

raination would not be put into

the balance sheet, and that in

any case the effect on profits

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would be minimal.

out to British Aerospace the and Industry said that the which will win them a lot of

If British Aerospace opted to it could make a loan agreement with City backers which would be expensive. One possibility is that a private sector loan could have a profit sharing element built into it so that those who put up the money would shoulder some of the risk. But it backers who would accept such

raise the cash it could try a at DM 2.7340, 1.85 pfencigs rights issue which would be lower on the day, unpopular with shareholders or Dealers said confidence in the difficult to identify many

British Aerospace does have £550m bank facilities but has already said they are committed The big worry for potential private sector backers is that very few manufacturers have made money out of large jetliner programmes. Forecasts about the the potential market have never been right and backers for A320 are looking 10

Fisons pays

\$50m for

By Our Financial Staff

concern, yesterday made its first purchase of an American equipment company. The group

paid \$50m (about £35m) for net

London market yesterday at

Curtin Matheson is a leading

distributor to the \$2 billion US

health care market supplying a

wide range of clinical laboratory

products, instruments and diag-

nostic agents. Under the agree-

ment, Curtin remains exclusive

US distributor of most Coulter

Curtin Matheson's pre-tax

profits for the 12 months to the

end of last March were \$6.5m

on sales of \$220m. Profits this

year are likely to run at about

The group has \$35m of debt

Although it is a significant

purchase, close observers of the

company say this is not the

major acquisition which has

been expected for some time.

• Walter Lawrence is buying

Tricom Supplies, a builders'

and plumbers' merchant, from

Combined Technology Corpor-

ation for £2.5m.

products.

£10m.

The dollar fell sharply in New York and the Far East overnight on Wednesday, before steadying yesterday in Europe. At one stage, it sank to DM 2.7270, before closing in London

US currency was fading follow-ing the strictures of Mr Paul ker, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, earlier this week on America's overdependence on foreign capital. The pound finished trading in London just over a cent up at The FT Index closed at 801.3 yesterday, a fall of 3.7 points.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 801.3 down 3.7 FT Gilts: 82.37 unchanged FT All Share: 481.26 down

4.98
Bargains: 23,513
Datastream USM Leaders
Index: 102.45 down 0.9
New York: Dow Jones
Industrial Average 1159.13

up 2.83 Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 10,001.54 down 98.05 Hongkong: Hang Sen Index 1,090.08 down 11.29 **US** foothold

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE

\$1.4230 up 1.05 cents Index 81.7 up 0.2 DM 3.89 down 0.0050 FrF 11,9575 up 0.0075 Yen 332.75 up 1.75 Dollar

assets and goodwill of Scienced International and its operating company, Curtin Matheson Scientific Inc. Index 129.8 down 0.6 Fisons paid cash for the DM 2.7340 down 0.0185 NEW YORK LATEST company, a subsidiary of Coulter Electronics Inc., a US **Sterling** \$1.4175 group, by placing almost five Dollar DM 2,7395 million new shares in the INTERNAL

INTERNATIONAL ECU £0,577397 725p a share. Fisons price in the market eased 18p to 744p.

INTEREST RATES

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Domestic rates: Bank base rates 9 Finance houses base rate 91/2 Discount market loans week fixed 91/18-9 3 month interbank 97/18-91/8

**Euro-currency rates:** 3 month dollar 913/18-915/18 3 month DM 5/3-5/4 3 month Fr F151/2-15

US rates Bank prime rate 11.00 Fed funds 938 which Fisons is taking on to the balance sheet, lifting its gearing from zero to between 10 and 12 Treasury long bond 101-1011/a

GOLD

London fixed (per cunce): am \$383.80 pm \$383.00 close \$382.25-383.75 (£269.25-269.75)

New York latest: \$378,75 Krugerrand" (per coin): \$394.50-396 (£277.25-278.25) Sovereigns\* (new): \$90-91 (£63.25-64) **Excludes VAT** 



"Tiny" Rowland : dreaming of Harrods

## Lonrho reports 50% rise in profits

By Philip Robinson

Lonrho, the international despite a 103 per cent increase pretax profits to £113.2m on a turnover barely changed at £2.2

to 6p but the total for the year its seven trading divisions.
to September 30 remains Mr Paul Spicer, a Lonrho unchanged at 9p. Lonrho is paying a special 1p dividend on April 5 and says it is for the

In a statement accompanying the figures, Lonrho, headed by Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland, said that there had been a 78 per cent increase in earnings from the United Kingdom, that cash in the bank totalled £109m and that trading in the past five months had been good enough for him to feel confident that profits would rise again this

The shares added 2p to 130p before easing to close at 129p,

near the year's best.
But amid the confident statements, some analysts gave warning that these milestones

trading group, yesterday re- in attributable profits, and the ported a 50 per cent increase in pretax profit levels had been pretax profits to £113.2m on a reached in 1981 and were below the £119m record of 1980. Lonrho refuses to detail the

The final dividend is lifted Ip individual contributions from director, said: "We have now finished rationalizing the busi-ness. Of the loss-makers we have sold Hadfields (the steel company) to the Government, we closed the Sunday Standard newspaper and we have turned around the motor distributors

Dutton Forshaw." Still unrecycled is the group's near 30 per cent shareholding in the House of Fraser Stores group, with which it has bad an acrimonious relationship for most of the six years the stake has been beld.

Recent speculation has suggested that Lonrho may sell its stake to a bidder of the House of Fraser and then buy back the Harrods flagship on which Mr had been seen before: the Spicer said: "We're dividend had not been lifted anything about that." Spicer said: "We're not saying

# **US** steel

cut imports From Bailey Morris

action to

The US steel industry is to file tod to the first of a series of complaints over unfair trade, to press its case for global re-straints on steel imports, which is being resisted by govern-ments in Europe and the Third

man of US steel, said up to five new cases would be filed with the Commerce Department, against subsidized imports from Australia, Finland, Sweden and a large number of Third World countries, many of then deeply in debt.

industry's campaign to cut imports from Europe and the Third World to 15 per cent of the US market down sharply from the present level of about

Mr Norman Tebbit, the

Secretary of State for Industry and Trade, told this to members of the Administration on his first official visit to Washington US steel companies are already protected from foreign

However, the US Administration wants the steel industry to drop its campaign urging Congress to pass protectionist limiting steel legislation

retary of Commerce for International Trade, said:

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Chairman Lionel Robinson reports on the results to 31st October, 1983

	1983	1982
Turnover	£64,521,000	£61,487,000
Profit before tax	£2,623,000	£2,767,000
Earnings per share	6.1p	7.6p
Dividend	1.25p	1p
Net assets per ordinary share	57.6p	51.1p
Shareholders' funds	£14,338,000	£12,788,000

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### **NEWS IN BRIEF** Competition

### for \$150m Soviet loan European and Japanese bankers are competing to lend to the Soviet Union. Banks, including Lloyds Bank International, are

expected to announce today how much the £150m loan is over-subscribed. Sixteen banks had offered by Wednesday \$160m but that figure had been "very comfortably" beaten yesterday. The success of the loan is all the more remarkable because of the

absence of American banks.

which have been priced out by

the high US interest rates. The Russians had refused to price part of the loan over the US prime rate. They spent three months negotiating % percentage point over the London interbank rate, although lenders' pressure for high fees and a stricter repayment schedule have effectively raised it to 4

over Libor. The loan signals the re-opening of markets for good Comecon risks and some banks believe that Czechoslovakia may now be tempted to follow with an offering of its own.

Señor Humberto Calderon Berti. president of the stateowned oil company Petroleos de Venezuela, had resigned and has been replaced by Senor Brigido Natera, a veteran oil industrialist.

STC telecommunications and Texacan Corporation of the United States have formed a joint company to market cable television systems products in

Mr Michael Posner, the former chairman of the Social former chairman of the Social Science Research Council, is to Swedish and Swiss specialized become economics director of in the up-market end of the

## WALL STREET

### Further falls in share prices

New York - Share prices opened sharply and broadly lower in active trading on Wall Street yesterday. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 3.98 to 1,152.32

Analysts expect the heavy selling which erupted late on Wednesday to continue Mr Donald Regan,

Federal budget deficit.

Treasury Secretary, and Mr Paul Voicker, the Federal Reserve Board chairman, both warned on Wednesday the US could slip into a recession if the Government does not cut the

output targets for this year will be set and job losses discussed.

By David Young, Energy Correspondent The French state-owned coal industry has followed the National Coal Board and

French coal losses soar

announced an increase in losses with a warning of pit closures and job losses.

The French coal industry last year lost Fr750m (£63m), up from Fr115m in 1982. However, losses from its chemicals

operation mean that losses of the group, Charbonnages de France, last year could total Fr2.1 billion. The losses have been announced before a meeting between the group's management and unions, at which coal

Forecasts that up to 4,000 jobs will be lost from the 56,000 workforce are seen in France as an underestimate in view of the new loss figures. The NCB will need another

£80m of government support if the miners' overtime ban goes on until the end of next month. Although the NCB is making a slight cash saving during the ban because of the reduction in costs of holding stocks, its policy of listing mined output as income on its profit and loss accounts will have an adverse effect on its annual accounts to be published in April which will

Study warns against low-value specialization

## UK 'at economic turning point'

test. British washing machine wellbeing is resolving the The United Kingdom is near, if not at, a moment of truth in respect of its relative economic decline, according to a 260-page study on structural adjustment in British Industry released by the International Labour Orga-

nization yesterday.

It calls for leadership from government to help industry in study stresses, lie in the microlong-range planing and innova-tion, particularly in new techpologies, and increased technical education and training. Britain's virtual specializa-

the study says, "increasingly putit into competition with lowwage but increasingly productive Third World countries. In textiles, for example,
Britain opted for the massmarket strategy, tackling developing countries' imports
head-on, while West German,
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Countries to low industry in the

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

models while the Italians mmoved into automatics. British car companies failed for a long time to update the model range and found themselves at the

economic adjustment process: fallure to update design, failure to grasp the importance of science and technology to competitiveness and failure to tion in low-value products will, take a long view of the future.

Britain today, it points out, puts proportionately fewer young people through vocational training or higher education than any other country in the

beginning to jog industry in the

right direction, more radical

The "them and us" attitudes still prevailing. Working class cultures - "class solidarity coupled with an inveterate hostility towards the rest of society" - was confronted by the public school caste and

"differences perpetuated through distinctions between

that most of those in positions of responsibility in industry, the

Civil Service and the City are

wage earners and salaried staff The study by Miss Margaret Sharp, Mr Geoffrey Shepherd, both of Sussex European Research Centre and Mr David Marsden of the London School of Economics, says the mana-gerial culture, derived essentially from the aristocratic values of the 18th century, still places low valuation on techno-logical studies with the result

Mr David Roderick, chair-

The new cases are seen as the opening round in the domestic

22 per cent. Britain, the EEC and Third World governments have warned the Reagan Administration that additional new restraints on their steel exports could trigger a trade war.

competition by quotas negotiated against Japanese imports and imports from the EEC.

imports.
Mr Lionel Olmer, Undersec-'gifted amateurs' . . . with the

**APPOINTMENTS** 

### New chiefs for Willis Faber & **Dumas**

Willis Faber & Dumas Mr R. N. Bowes has become chairman and Mr R. J. Elliott and Mr D. J. Martin have been made deputy chairmen. Mr R. G. Dixon, Mr M. D. T. Faber, Mr M. A. Hedley and Mr M. C. White have joined the board. Mr D. G. Shaw has been appointed chairman of the group's international division. Steel Brothers Holdings: Mr

Peter Paice has been made an executive director from April 30 Manson Finance Trust: Mr L. C. Ouck has become executive chairman in place of Mr John Mowat who has retired. Mr Quek will also take Mr Mowat's place as chairman of the subsidiaries which include Edward Manson and Company

and Manson Factors.
Belstaff International: Mr David Brocklehurst, formerly finance director, has benn appointed managing director. Wardley London: Mr Michael

Hamer has joined the boards of Wardley London Holdings and Wardley London, Mr Hamer will be in charge of corporate finance department. Mr Andrew Skinner has been appointed to the board of Wardley London. J. Henry Schroder Wage &

Co: Mr Jean Solandt has become a joint vice-chairman. Mr Adam Broadbent, a director of Schroder Wage, has been appointed bead of corporate

Thomson Regional News-papers: Mr R. Ridley-Thomas, managing director of Aberdeen Joiurnals, is appointed managing director of the Scotsman Cublications, Edinburgh, pub-lishers of The Scotsman and the Uvening News, Mr J. A. Logan has been made managing director of Aberdeen Journals, publishers of the Press & Journal and the Evening Ex-

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MARKET REPORT 9 by Michael Clark

# Insurance hit by rumours

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began, Jan 30. Dealings end, Today, Contango Day, Feb 13. Settlement Day, Feb 20.

A chill wind ran through the overhanging the market was big insurance composites yester- finally cleared. day amid rumours that one downgrade profits of Commercial Union for the year,

The rumours proved unfounded, but the composite sector never recovered with CU tumbling op to 176p, General Accident 8p to 433p, Guardian Royal Exchange 4p to 526p, Phoenix Assurance 3p to 438p, Royal Insurance 7p to 518p and Sun Alliance £3/16 to £13

Sentiment was not helped by the details of the cost to property during January's storms. The British Insurance Association has put the cost as high as £70m. It was the worst set of figures for two years when blizzards and flooding cost the insurance companies a cool

Broker Montagu, Loebi Stanley reckons any self-respecting oil portfolio is not complete without "substantial long term hold-ings" in Clyde Petroleum, Salcs of its non-oil interests have left the group with a stong balance shect to cope with the sector's risk/return and developments including farm-ins and Wytch Farm - could result in a significant re-rating. The shares

£250m. The BIA calculates CU will have to fork out about £10m, GRE £8m. Royal 10m to £12m and Sun Alliance about £11m. Broker Wood Mackenzie says these figures are way below that of 1982, but will still make a significant impact on first quarter figures from the com-

The Lloyd's insurance brok-ers fared little better. Stewart 201p.
Wrightson lost 8p at 315p,
Willia Haber 3p at 689p, C.E.
the trend such as BTR rising 3p Heath 4p at 351p and Hogg Robinson 3p at 163p. Minet Holdings ended the day 1p shy at 143p, after 142p, as a line of 300,000 shares that had been

Elsewhere, the jobbers deleading analyst had decided to cided to again call prices sharply lower following Wall Street's worst performance for over 15 months with the Dow Jones average plunging 24 points. But prices did recover and the FT Index closed only 3.7 down at 801.3 having been 15.4 off carlier in the day.

Conditions were described as tense with investors clearly in no mood to open new positions with just two days of the account left to run.

One dealer complained the market had spent more time watching events in New York than conducting its own busi-ness: "All the way up we ignored Wall Street, but now the bubble has burst we hang on to every move downwards", he

Among blue chips Boots slid 5p to 169p as a line of 1.5 million shares went through the market first thing at the 165p level. There was a vendor placing of 4.9 million shares in Fiseus completed by broker Hoare Govett at 725p a share to raise £35m for its latest US acquisition. Fisons lost 18p at

Allied-Lyons 1p to 149p, Associated Dairies 4p to 144p, BICC 7p to 258p, Blue Circle Industries op to 420p, Bowater 4p to 262p, Courtailds 3p to 134p, GEC 4p to 178p, GKN 3p to 193p, Hawker Siddeley 4p 404p, 1CI 4p to 592p, Marks & Spencer 3p to 220p, P & O Deferred 3p to 264p, Plessey 4p to 204p, Ti Group 4p to 202p

to 417p, Cadbury Scheweppes 1p to 123p, Grand Metropolitan 5p to 338p, Imperial Group 2p after figures, and

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managed to close all square at The discount houses lost The gilt-edged market gave

up 25p at the longer end of the market with the Chancellor's optimistic remarks about the economy making little impact. The new tap £1,000m of Exchequer 94, 1998 opened at a Seccombe Marshall 5p to 265; discount in first time dealings as and Union Discount 5p to 698p. had been widely predicted. It closed 5p lower at £24½ in its partly paid form.

There was renewed speculative support for Ladbroke, up 7p at 243p. The market is eagerly awaiting news of a bid possibly from Bass unchanged at 305p. Both companies were unavailable for comment.

Lourho, another company tipped as a likely suitor for Ladbroke, closed Ip up at 129p after revealing pretas profits up from £75m to £113.2m. But the

British Home Stores' two new assistant managing directors, Mr Dennis Cassidy and Mr James Power, have been visiting brokers' offices getting to know the City and explaining the group's strategy. Broker Grieveson Grant is now looking for an increase in pretax profits this year from £49m to £58m followed by £65m next year. On a p/e of 16, the shares look underrated compared with Marks & Spencer on a p/e of 22. The shares slipped 2p to 222p.

takeover talk in Grattan, the mail order group, appears to have died down for the time 78p, at one stage, before recovering to 76p, a net loss on

the day of 2p.

The leading high street banks appeared mixed at the close with Barclays Bank climbing 5p to 517p and National Westminster 8p to 717p, but Lloyds Bank closed unchanged at 549p and Midland lost 5p at 392p. Royal Bank of Scotland slipped 6p to 212p and Bank Thorn-EMI 2p to 616p. Glaxo Scotland lost 5p to 640p.

ground in line with the rest of the market as Alexanders Discount cased 3p to 399p, Cater Allen Holdings 5p to 453p, Gerrard & National 3p to Jessel Toynbee 1p to 84p, King & Shaxson ip to 127p,

Oil shares recovered from hesitant start to close mostly higher on the day in thin conditions. Burman stood out with a rise of 8p to 189p, after 176p, Anvil rose 3p to 86p, Dome Petroleum 10p to 250p, Hunting Petroleum 2p to 154p. KCA Drilling 2p to 36p and Berkeley Exploration ip to 121p.
Once again most of the

attention was turned to those companies North Sea oil interests. The big groups were given the cold shoulder. BP slipped 2p to 431p, Britoil was un-changed at 233p, after 228p, Lasmo was down 13p to 308p, Shell 20p to 598p and Ultramar 17p to 642p. Tricentrol also fell 7p to 196p on news of the retrenchment of its US interests. Among the Irish oil explorers Aran Engegy rose 4p to 73p. Atlantic Resources 20 to 558p and Bula Resources 2p to

Shares of Walter Lawrence slipped 2p to 230p following a vendor placing of 1.2 million shares by broker Hoare Govett. There was a similar placing of 3 million shares in Sunlight Services, down 10p at 210p, in being as the shares slipped 4p to order to finance the group 78p, at one stage, before purchase of its shares in Spring

Stores group A. Caird rose 2p to 50p after hours following the news Panther Securities, a privately-owned compnay, had sold its 5 per cent stake, amounting to 165,000, to an unknown buyer outside the

Browery shares had a few bright spots with Matthew Brown rising 2p to 210p.

**Now Cable** 

has eyes

on China

Mr Eric Sharp, chairman of

Cable & Wireless, confirmed yesterday that a key factor behind his company's bid for the Hongkong Telephone Company was its desire to expand its operations in China.

"I have no doubt that

opportunities will occur (in China) and they will be facilitated by our takeover of

the telephone company," he said in Hongkong. The new opportunities would not just be

confined to Guandong pro-vince, where Cable & Wireless

has already signed two ioint

ventures with the Chinese

Government in the last 18

Another Cable & Wireless director, Mr Brian Pemberton,

said that the company would

also be seeking to change the

scheme of control under which

Hongkong Telephone operates.

by the Hongkong Government, the company's profits are

limited to a 16 per cent return

on shareholders' funds after taxation. "We feel that it is an overly tight scheme of control

and could be relaxed", Mr

The board of Hongkong

Telephone is advising its share

holders to hang on to their

shares as an investment, even though Cable & Wireless has

successfully raised its stake

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Pemberton said.

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### Half-time profits up by 28% at Dale

On turnover less than 2 per cent greater at £19,44m, pretax profits of Dale Electric Inter-national climbed by 28 per cent to £1.3m in the half-year to October 30. The interim payment, net, is being lifted from 1.2p to 1.5p a share.

The board explains that more selective turnover, improved control of costs and prices have enabled all group companies to operate firmly in profit, including the associate in Mexico, now

In the 1970s, Dale pretax profits were over the £3m mark. By 1982-83, they had failen to £1.9m. But the board now feels that the corner has been turned and the road to recovery is well in sight.

### in brief

 Walter Lawrence: An upture in the fortunes of builders merchants has led Walter Lawrence to take over Tricom Supplies, a subsidiary of Com-bined Technologies.

Lawrence has paid for the deal by issuing 1.17 million new shares to Combined Technologies which has had them market. Tricom is based predomi

eantly in the Midlands and north, while Lawrence is active in the south.

 Akroyd & Smithers, one of announces that Viscount Garmoyle and Mr Oscar Lewisohn, from S. G. Warburg, have joined the board as non-execu-tive directors. The banker and jobber formed an alliance last

Trust: Half-year to Oct 31, 1983. Figures in £000. Properly revenue 3,357 (2,763). Pretax profit 2,373 (1,946). Interim payment up from 1.5p to 2 net a share to reduce disparity

between payments. Drayton Far Eastern Trust: Year to Dec 31, 1983. Revenue, Year to Dec 31, 1983. Revenue, after all charges, £147,000 (£137,000). Total dividend unchanged at 0.85p net a share.

• William Ransom and Sons: Half-year to Sept 30, 1983. Interim payment unchanged at 1.5c. Flowers to 6000 Transverse.

1.5p. Figures in £000. Turnover 1.5p. Figures in £000. Turnover 1.667 (1.479). Pretax profit 143 (65). Tax 74 (34). Earnings per share 4.57p (2.08p). If there is no stackening in demand in Feb and March, the board expects the second half-year to produce profits similar to or slightly in excess of those for the same

period last year. Plastic Constructions: Total dividend for year to Sept. 30, 1983, up from 2.17p to 2.38p net a share. Turnover £10.74m (£9.28). Pretax profits up from £91,000 to £249,000. Tax £16.000 (credit of £71,000 last time). Chalgrap beliages Plagtic time). Chairman believes Plastic Constructions is emerging from the depressed period of the last two years. Sales for the first indicate that the company can expect significant increases in turnover and profit for the full

Improved business cli-Equity Capital for Industry: Two investments totalling £250,000 are to be made by Equity Capital for Industry. In the first, ECI and British Tar Products are each providing £150,000 second round finance for Neo Plants, a Lancashirebased company engaged in plant tissue culture, in return for 25

year, subject to the continuation

per cent equity stakes.
In the second ECI is acquiring a 16 per cent holding in stion Developments, a Derbyshire-based instrumer tation company, and is provid-ing £100,000 of second round

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### Taddale launches £7.9m hotels bid By Jeremy Warner Taddale Investments yester- control it would bring in two day launched a £7.9m takeover men described as "very experi-

bid for Prince of Wales Hotels. enced" in hotel management, to the Southport company it has run the company. But Prince of been stalking since June when it bought a 16.5 per cent stake. The offer was combined by J. the two as "totally unknown" in Henry Schroder Wagg, the the hotel industry, merchant bank which advises The offer is Prince of Wales, as "unacceptable, inadequate and lacking in

all credibility", and looks about to provoke a bitter war of Mr Arnold Clayman, the Prince of Wales chairman, was described as "a yesterday's man

with yesterday's ideas who should not be running a company like this," by Mr Michael Carlton, Taddale's deputy chairman.

Mr Clayman retorted by drawing attention to the fact that Taddale, whose shares are traded on the over-the-counter market operated by Harvard Securities, was recently refused has acquired the company. a quote by the Stock Exchange.

Taddale said in a statement accompanying its 130p-a-share cash offer that if it gained

the company's shares back with institutional investors once it On the stock market Prince of Wales shares jumped 18p to 136p. This is above the level of

Wales, which owns the Imperial

Hotel in Blackpool, dismissed

The offer is being made

conditional on shareholders

voting at a meeting on Monday

against the company's plans to

raise £2.7m through a rights

issue to help with the cost of

buying the St George's Hotel in

London. The meeting is likely

to be adjourned to allow

shareholders the chance to

chose between the bid and the

board's rival plans for the

Taddale intends to preserve

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## Horne poised for quote on USM

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No new money will be raised by the issue, and the shares are being offered by existing share. The group also guarantees holders, including the Horne delivery within 24 hours. family. County Bank and The group with its size and Investors in Industry.

After the sale the Horne

investors have been offered two

Robert Home Group, the supplies printing companies paper merchant, is coming to throughout Britain and Ireland, the Unlisted Securities Market In the past seven years pretax this month and is asking profits have risen from £1.14m investors to subscribe for two to £4m, on sales up from classes of charge of the proving the sales and the province of the sales and the province of the sales and the sales are the sales and the sales are the sales and the sales are t classes of shares.

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swallows up more than 750,000 per cent of this market.

At its huge warehouse in Northampton, the group offers about 3,500 different lines, weighing more than 12.5 ton-

The group with its size and previous track record, would family will continue to own applying for a full stock market remaining continue. main shareholders to part with it is only the second time that anything but the bare minimum meant that the USM was the different classes of shares on the only course left open to the USM and highlights the Horne board. Mr Robin Jones, a Group's complicated share director, asked if the group structure, which includes at would eventually go for a full least four different types of listing said: "We will let ideal The business was founded by world we might have gone for a the family in 1925 and now full listing.".

### Sunlight buys St George's from takeover rivals

By Wayne Lintott

Laundry and cleaning indus-try rivals Sunlight Services and light brought out Security Pritchard Services yesterday Arrangements. The total conannounced an agreement for sideration for the four deals is Sunlight-to buy the St. George's linen hire business from Pritchard,

St. George's was the division institutions and intends issuing of Spring Grove that sustained a further 1,500,000 new ordisuch large trading losses that nary shares at 205p each. The Spring Grove was forced into news knocked 10p off Sunlight seeking a merger. Pritchard and Sunlight fought a £17m take-

£2.25m in cash. To cover that Sunlight has

placed 1,600,000 shares with institutions and intends issuing

Sunlight fought a £17m takeover battle for Spring Grove last
September. Pritchard won.
Sunlight said that it is paying
Pritchard £2,43m over the next
three years.
Sunlight also announced two
other acquisitions, the Nicholson Group and Smethwick

Sunlight also forecast a profit
of at least £3,5m for 1983;
against £2,81m in 1982 and a
final dividend of at least 7.5p
against 4.638p the year before.
But Sunlight made its Spring
Grove moves to fight off an
opportunistic takeover bid fot it
made by Brengreen Holdings. Sunlight also forecast a profit

## Gleneagles in new dispute

By Our Financial Staff

isked to adjudicate again in the offer for Gleneagles loan stock bitter takeover battle for Gle- open to only those who accept neagles Hotels. This time the argument is about whether Arthur Bell & Sons, which is bidding £27m in shares and

The Takeover Panel is to be allowed to make its separate the share offer.

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The overall results of Lonrho show a healthy rise of 103% in both profit attributable to shareholders and earnings per share; this is the highest increase for seventeen years.

Lonrho has achieved an enormous amount this year which is reflected. not only in a substantial increase in profitability, but also in the Group balance sheet which remains strong with gross assets approaching £1.9 billion, including cash balances at the year end standing at £109 million. Total net borrowings, excluding those relating to our confirming businesses, have remained at 30% of gross assets which is the same as last year.

A great deal of management effort has gone into increasing efficiency throughout the Group; these efforts have included the disposal of loss making and low yielding operations such as Hadfields, the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, and the Sunday Standard Newspaper in Glasgow,

I am glad to tell you that our United Kingdom based companies raised profits by over 78% in 1983, and were a major contributor to the overall rise. This improvement has been shared by nearly all trading activities within the United Kingdom and is not limited to a few. Every indication is that our United Kingdom companies will continue to increase in prosperity.

Our traditional activities of agriculture and mining have performed very well this year, which is not only attributable to improved commodity prices, but is also as a result of reduced operating costs and, in most areas, increased production.

The hotel and casino divisions are showing good growth within Lonrho, and these divisions have been expanded through the opening of the new Marquessa Tower at the Acapulco Princess in Mexico and the opening of two new casinos, one in London and the Princess Casino in the Bahamas.

Capital expenditure this year has been restricted to the minimum necessary to maintain our assets at their highest operating efficiency, and we have not undertaken any large long term projects.

We also benefit from a substantial increase in House of Fraser's profits and share price. Lonrho's near 30% holding in House of Fraser and the contribution and stimulus provided to the management

of the company by our Directors has undoubtedly assisted in this improvement. The House of Fraser share price continues to reflect the general belief, by shareholders, that the demerger of Harrods is desirable.

The 180 mile pipeline between Beira and Mutare is fully restored and has been pumping fuel to Zimbabwe steadily throughout the year without interruption.

The Lonrho Group, including our associated companies, now employs over 150,000 people.

I know you will want to join all Members of the Board in expressing your appreciation for all the hard work and initiative contributed by those who work for Lonrho both in the United Kingdom and overseas and who have made this year so successful with their support. We have adequate reasons in the first quarter's figures to feel that 1984 will continue an upward trend for the Company as a whole.

### MINING AND REFINING

Improved precious metal prices prevailed over the year, which also saw platinum carry a premium over gold. Moreover, we again raised our platinum group metal output to 180,000 ounces for the year and are now producing some 50% more than two years ago. Group



Although precious metal prices continue to fluctuate, favourable exchange rates in all countries where we operate mines have so far cushioned any adverse effect.

Additional refining facilities are being planned for our platinum operations designed to release the large sums which are now locked up for long periods in unrefined inventories. At the same time these changes will save operating costs and improve metal recoveries.

Good progress has been made with the development of Eastern Gold Holdings, the major new Anglo American Corporation administered mine, which is planned to produce 400,000 ounces of gold annually at full production. Our subsidiary continues to hold its 36% interest in this venture. We are also planning the expansion of operations at the Ashanti Gold Mine in Ghana using loans from a consortium led by the International Finance

Corporation. Revenue from bituminous coal and anthracite mining was only slightly down in spite of a sharp reduction of sales, in line with the present weakness of coal markets. Capital expenditure at the coal mines was substantially

# 66 Lonrho's attributable profit is up 103% in 198399

### AN UPWARD TREND WILL CONTINUE IN 1984 RWRowland, Chief Executive

### AGRICULTURE

Lonrho and its subsidiaries are Africa's largest commercial food producers, ranching 100,000 head of cattle and farming 1.5 million acres throughout the continent. The Group has also put more land under cultivation in Africa than any other company in the world.



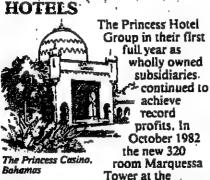
Our seven sugar estates in Malawi, Mauritius, South Africa and Swaziland returned to overall profitability during the year and increased production to over 420,000

In Zambia, our farming company, Kalangwa Estates, remains one of the largest producers of agricultural goods in the country, with products such as pork, beef, eggs, onions, wheat, maize and potatoes. During the year dairy farming was also introduced, which has proved to be immensely successful.

The drought in Zimbabwe had little effect on the profitability of our agricultural activities. With livestock being in good condition and high average weights being achieved, profits from the sale of 14,500 head of cattle were good. Profit from The Wattle Company, which produces coffee, wattle extract and timber, were also substantially higher, due to better management controls and good coffee prices. We are the largest coffee producers in Zimbabwe.

In Malawi our tea estates produced a record crop of 4.8 million kilogrammes. A combination of good rainfall distribution, improved field practices and management skills produced some yields which are probably the highest in Malawi. The combination of high tea prices and production has resulted in profits being substantially up. We also grow tobacco, coffee and macadamia nuts in that country.

Our wattle extract company in Kenya, which also grows mushrooms, oil seed, wheat and maize and ranches cattle, maintained its reputation for high yields and good quality produce and continues to be a major exporter.



Acapulco Princess was opened, complementing the existing hotel which is a masterpiece of creative architecture. This luxury hotel complex, which is set in over 200 acres. has proved an extremely popular tourist and conference centre,

maintaining high levels of occupancy. In September it was announced that the Group had acquired a casino in Freeport in the Bahamas. It is intended to renovate completely the casino complex, which will form part of the existing Princess hotel facilities, in order to establish it as one of the finest casinos in the Caribbean.

The Princess Hotel Group now have more hotel rooms in the locations at which they operate than any of their



In the United Kingdom the Metropole Hotel Group held a record 1,050 conferences and exhibitions in 1983. The new Pembroke in Blackpool, in its first full year of operation, has proved a success with 150 conferences and exhibitions being held there. The Pembroke has also achieved a room occupancy level of 70% and is fully booked over the next two years for periods when party political conferences are held in Blackpool. In Birmingham 575

conferences were staged and for this coming year the signs are that we will accommodate

many more. The London Metropole was busy during the year with its room occupancy reaching 88%.

Improvements to the hotel's facilities this year will yield results in 1984. In the Casino division the most exciting event of the year was the opening of a new casino in London. This luxurious casino has made a very good start. Lonrho operate 8 other casinos in the United Kingdom.

Whyte & Mackay Distillers had another satisfactory year. Although the United Kingdom / industry as a whole continued Williams

to operate in highly competitive conditions, Whyte & Mackay maintained its dominant position in Scotland and increased its distribution throughout England. Although export markets were generally difficult, good progress was made in a number of overseas markets,

programme at its mill in Rochdale. Our textile companies in Africa had a mixed year. In Malawi, David Whitehead achieved good results while completing ahead of schedule the WINES AND SPIRITS installation of Malawi's only cotton/ polyester cloth manufacturing plant. The newly equipped Blantyre Netting Company exceeded all our expectations and is working at full production to meet local and export demand for polyester bags, nets and twine. David Whitehead in Zimbabwe had a difficult year with demand severely restricted. Following reorganisation the company is now better placed to react to changes in local demand.

### PRINTING AND PUBLISHING

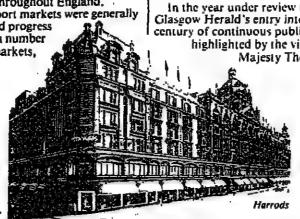
In the year under review the Glasgow Herald's entry into its third century of continuous publication was highlighted by the visit of Her Majesty The Queen.

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### YEAR AT A GLANCE

	1983	1982
Turnover	£2356.5m	£2336.2m
Profit before taxation	£113.2m	£75.1m
Profit attributable to shareholders	£40.6m	£20.0m
Earnings per share	15.5p	7.6p
Cash balances	£109.4m	£56.3m

The seventy-fifth Annual General Meeting of Lonrho Plc will be held at the Great Room, Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London, W.1. on Thursday, 29th March, 1984 at 12 noon.



especially Europe and Canada and in many Duty Free markets.

Our French wine interests, which nclude the famous vineyards of . Châteaux Rausan-Segla, Smith-Haut-Lafitte, La Garde and De La Tour, although affected by the economic situation in France, still maintained good profitability.

In Malawi, we opened 🐼 😞 two new breweries at Mangochi and Lilongwe bringing the total number of breweries operated in partnership with African Governments and Muncipalities

The Group bottles Coca Cola in Zambia and Pepsi Cola in

Wine tasting at Château

### TEXTILES

Lonrho Textiles, the Group's integrated manufacturing and retail operation, based at Cramlington in the United Kingdom, has continued its longer term strategy of developing its retail network and own brand products such as the "Accord" range which is now amongst the market leaders. During the second half of 1983 more favourable trading conditions resulted in a marked improvement in results. This trend has continued into the current year and with increasing demands on manufacturing capacity we anticipate a continuing improvement.

Strong demand throughout the year helped our Lancashire based David -Whitehead textile operations achieve increased profits. The John Barnes division has developed yarn and cloth trading while expanding the



Major reorganisation at George Outram has resulted in improvements in the Glasgow Herald, Scotland's leading national newspaper, and the Evening Times. It is encouraging to see improving performances in both advertising and circulation in recent months.

The Observer, which is the oldest Sunday newspaper in Britain, Newspaper of the and was voted performed well during 1983.

Year for 1982, has Our provincial newspaper group, The Prime Minister of Scottish and Universal Newspapers, experienced Glaspow

another difficult trading year during which the economy was still in recession. The key themes of the year have been efficiency and innovation. Every week over one million readers in Scotland read a Scottish and Universal newspaper.

Throughout the year, our . newspapers won national and international awards for research and community services.

Greenaway · Harrison, one of the country's leading printing houses, has had a very successful year. The programme of capital expenditure to ensure the most advanced facilities and techniques for financial and security printing has progressed well. The extensive computer typesetting installations in this company, built up over the last few years, are unmatched by any other commercial, financial or city printer. The highly skilled design unit based in central London has won domestic and international credits and awards for its work.

The Harrison Group, postage stamp and security specialists, continued its programme of capital investment in

new product development and new areas of specialisation.

Harrison were proud to print, for the British Post Office, stamps which won two top international philatelic

The educational publishing and bookselling divisions of Holmes McDougall gained important new export contracts and the reorganisation of its colour poster operations in the United States has

been highly successful.

High quality label printing for the wine and spirits industry performed well and a number of major new contracts were obtained. Holmes McDougall were awarded the publishing contract for "Crime, Law and Society" by the Home Office.

The Group also publishes newspapers in Kenya including The Standard and Standard Standard.

### ENGINEERING

The recession in the United Kingdom continued to affect most of our engineering companies during the first half of 1983. However, there are signs that the modest recovery in the economy which began in the summer will continue.

Hadfields was acquired by a consortium headed by the British Steel Corporation as part of the first stage of the Engineering Steels Industry Rationalisation plan, code named Phoenix II.

Newell Dunford, the process plant engineers, is the leader in the field of waste disposal technology. manufacturing plants which convert household waste into low cost fuels, thereby reducing energy costs and resolving the environmental problems associated with the traditional methods of waste disposal.

Lightfoot Refrigeration has enjoyed another successful year and has completed a number of large overseas contracts.

Our furniture companies maintained progress in a difficult market and Sheer Pride, the metal office furniture manufacturer, successfully launched a new range of filing cabinets which are



Buses built by W. Dahmer & Co.: Zimbabwe Our land renewal company, Sportworks, won the Grand Award of the British Association of Landscape Industries for the best executed contribution to environmental improvements for their work on the Calton Church Precinct in Glasgow. They also gained the principal award for the first major park to have been created in Glasgow since the Second World War.

Overseas, our Belgian subsidiary S.E.E., which is producing water treatment plants for Nigeria. Cameroon and North Africa, is progressing satisfactorily and prospects for further major orders are good.

In Zimbabwe, Dahmers maintained their dominance in the local truck and bus market, with sales of 424 units. Progress is being made in obtaining export markets for their vehicles, which are designed locally and are excellent for use throughout Africa.

In addition, Vitretex Paints, our paint manufacturing company in Zambia, had a record year.

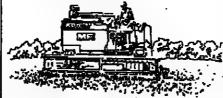
### MOTOR DISTRIBUTION

V.A.G (United Kingdom) the sole U.K. importer for Audi and Volkswagen products has improved its unit sales performance every year since its acquisition in 1975 and has once again achieved record sales and profits.

Total vehicle sales of 110,000 units ensured that V.A.G has maintained its position as the leading importer of European cars. The 1983 Car of the Year Audi 100 has quickly established itself in the market and has now been joined by a sporty estate version, the Avant. During 1984 the company will launch a most significant new model which will be a replacement for the best selling Volkswagen Golf,

The Group is also the sole importer of Volkswagen and M.A.N. trucks and buses into the United Kingdom.

The Dutton-Forshaw Motor Group, whose principal activity is the distribution of BL vehicles.



Massey Ferguson combine harvester in East African Tanning Extract Co.'s wheatfields, Kenya

substantially improved its performance in 1983. Rationalisation of their depot network continued and, allowing for closures, they maintained just under 6% of sales of BL's products, with sales of over 31,000 vehicles. The Dutton-Forshaw Group also increased its share of the national Jaguar sales in the U.K. by 24% compared with the national increase of 10%.

Throughout the year Jack Barclay retained their position as the number one distributor of Rolls Royce cars, accounting for 22% of United Kingdom sales. The extensive service facilities at Battersea performed well under their new senior management.



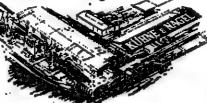
The sale of agricultural machinery increased considerably during the year particularly Deutz tractors, and Fahr combine harvesters. Distribution and

service facilities were expanded. Western Machinery had an outstanding year. The sale of Taarup and Welgar agricultural equipment was again highly satisfactory.

In Africa our motor vehicles and agricultural machinery distributors performed well. We are Africa's largest and most widespread motor distributor, holding nearly every major franchise including Mercedes Benz, Land Rover, Toyota, Peugeot and General Motors in one country or another, In Nigeria we have successfully established a vehicle leasing operation and a number of substantial contracts have been concluded with large fleet users.

### KÜHNE AND NAGEL

The Kuhne and Nagel Group of companies, with 300 offices all over the world, continued to run its shipping, forwarding and warehousing business successfully. In Germany the company has extended its freight terminals in three cities and introduced a nationwide parcel service system, whilst warehousing in North America was extended by the acquisition of a warehouse in Chicago.



Kuhne & Nagel terminal facilities. Rotterdam Transport connected activities such as ship brokerage, crating, port handling and travel have been further developed and a subsidiary of Kühne and Nagel has been entrusted with the formation of a national shipping line for a major-African country.

### PROPERTY, EXPORT CONFIRMING, FINANCE AND AIRCRAFT

London City & Westcliff Properties and A.V.P. Properties, our property investment companies, have had another successful year. Together with Lonrho, these companies own a diverse portfolio of commercial, residential and industrial properties in England and France. During the year the Group has realised certain low yielding industrial properties, leaving it with a well balanced portfolio of properties which have a current value in excess of £66 million. Notwithstanding these disposals, there has been an increase in the gross rental

income of the property portfolio. In October 1983 we also purchased the prestigious "45 Park Lane" site in London which will be a valuable addition to our property portfolio.

The international confirming and financing activities of Balfour Williamson continued to be adversely influenced by the deterioration of world wide trading conditions over the past years. However, performance in 1984 is expected to show a marked. improvement.

The volume of exports to West Africa being financed by John Holt was reduced in 1983 as a result of tighter controls on imports to Nigeria.

The Nigerian investment and property company J.H.I. maintained its impressive growth record and has now acquired a controlling interest in an established Lagos Finance House, the benefits from which will accrue in

Our cotton broking firm, Baumann Hinde, had a satisfactory year's trading.

Our Beechcraft franchise in Africa recorded the best world wide divisional sales of these aircraft for 1983. The Group also holds the Lear Jet franchise in Africa. Total sales of aircraft in the year amounted to 82

During the year Tradewinds Airways continued to operate services to Africa whilst gradually converting charter services to scheduled routes. The airline has already commenced scheduled freight services to the U.S.A. and the Sudan.

The Group currently owns or leases a total of 38 aircraft including a Gulfstream and two Boeing 707's.

The text is taken from the Chief Executive's Review contained in the Report and Accounts for the year ended 30 September, 1983 which will be published in late-February, Copies will be available from The Secretary, Lonrho Plc, Cheapside House, 138

### YOUR OWN BUSINESS

### A new source of finance

A new-style finance for unquoted companies, particularly smaller ones, is available with the launching of a £7.35m fund in a joint venture by Hoare Govett, the stockbrokers and Candover investmonts, the management buy-out specialists Derek Harris writes.

The Hoare Candover Exempt Fund, because the investors in it are all pension funds and charities. is not trameled by the investment timing difficulties which are part of the proliferating Business Expansion Scheme funds.

The idea of funds channelling institutional money and run by a quality management team with a good track record has been good track record has been explotted considerably in the United States but hardly at all in Britain, says Roger Brooke, Candover's chief executive.

A joint company, Hoars Candover, will be fund manager with a Candover team doing the field work of evaluation, negotiation and monitoring of investments.

In just over three years Candover has made 14 investments in Britain, mostly in management buy-outs, and the majority of them are said to be making good progress.

Some 25 institutions have invested in the new fund.

Minimum investment by the new fund will be around £100,000 and not more than £735,000 (10 per cent of the fund), it will be ready to support high technology ventures but Candover's thinking until now has been more to invest in medium technology companies.

The new fund will be looking to companies that aim to go for a listing either on the Unlisted Securities Market (USM) or the Stock Exchange within five years.

A management fee of one per cent will be levied on the fund by Hoare Govett and Candover together. More unusually, each will have an obligation to inject 7.5 per cent into the lund.

◆ Contact: Hoare Candover Exempt Fund, 4-7 Red Lion Court. London, EC4A 3EB: telephone (01)

To make it easier for small businesses to bid for Government contracts new simplified forms are to be introduced in June.

It is part of a drive by Mr David Trippier, minister for small businesses, to simplify a wide range of forms and he is expected to make more progress with other form-filling later this year.

The June improvement concerns

forms calling for general information about a company and its finances.

At present companies seeking Government contracts have to fill in fresh forms on every individual approach to Government departments. From June, one standard questionaire, cast in a more simplified form, will be filled in once for an initial contract and will then be valid for all subsequent trading between a company and any Government department.

Next in line for improvement will probably be forms which seek details about a company's technical capacity and facilities like factory space and warehousing.

MR FRIDAY Kon Pyrol



I was hoping for more than the bus fare to go to the Small Business Advisory Service

To brief British companies on export oportunities offered by contracts funded by the Asian Development Bank, Birmingham Chamber of Industry and Commerce is staging a two-day conference, on May 1 and 2, at the De Vere Hotel, Coventry. There are pickings for smaller as viell as larger companies, according to Bob Fordham, the chamber's president. Contact: D L Burrows, conference executive, Birmingham Chamber of Industry and Commerce, PO Box 360, 75 Harbourne Road,

A personal touch: Peter Smith, centre, and Michael Rudgard, a DPS director, second right with course members at Leeds Castle. Photograph: Harry Kerr.

## Retirement as growth area

Barely 18 months ago. Peter Smith. leaving at 48 the "comforting umbrella" of a multivational company after 32 years, set up in business counselling others on how to tackle retirement whether induced early or occurring at a more normal age, writes Derek

Some £50,000 in investment later, and having learned some lessons on the way, he and two co-investors and directors - a retired brewer and a doctor

Britain's latest enterprise

agency, Hastings Business Ven-tures, is the first to have a

voman director. Derek Harris

writes. She is Victoria John, who was six years with Shell UK's management team at their

centre at Wilmslow in Cheshire.

where she was involved in

launching an enterprise agency

in nearby Macclesfield.

Earlier she worked with Bell
Telephone in Toronio, Canada,

and worked in the reorganizing

of a subsidiary company. She

said: "It taught me a lot about

success and failure in com-

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involved in occupational medicine - are within sight of achieving positive cash flow on COURSES

The prospects for their business, DPS Consultants, look good. Their mostly fourof people on each course attracted 160 from a wide range of companies in the first year and in 1984 the number will more than double.

Although at company level

for the Hastings venture which

also takes in the Rother area covering Bexhill. Battle and Rye. The initiative for the

agency came initially from Hastings Borough Council.

backers, mostly local companies but also including Shell UK, British Telecom and the big

The agency is initially offer-

ing a free counselling service for small businesses. Already 60

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there is now much more retirement advice organised few-outside consultants special retirement planning ise as DPS does in retiremen counselling courses, Mr Smith pointed out. What struck him as he first planned the consultancy were a couple of university day courses - with up to a score surveys which suggested that only 5 to 6 per cent of those retiring were offered counselling of any kind.

There is a lot of growth in this business. But we are not going to be millionaires; it will be simply a lot of fun and a lot of sweat. And we shall not become a large conglomerate, the day we did that we should be lost because we would lose the personal touch. This business is about people."

DPS offers, as well as inhouse help for companies, three main courses, at present mostly held in Kent with many at Leeds Castle near Maidstone. One is for those retiring at a normal age, another for those lossed into early retirement and another two-day course is aimed at those in their late forties or early fifties who need to start planning ahead. Contact: DPS Consultants, 66

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Nissan has at last confirmed

that it is to go ahead with its

Good business strategy:

the simple secret

of Japan's success

productivity observably lower than in Britain. So it is in construction, with 10 per cetn that the remainder of the service sector, more of it in the private sector than in Britain, has somewhat higher pro-ductivity than here, but these Government runs a kind of planned economy. On the contrary, academics like Professor lida of Nagoya Univerlarge trading companies are sity backed up by a host of smaller, as sity see the Japanese economy as "a little more market-

less well-organized businesses. Just as Japanese businesses normally focus on particular export markets, so the highly efficient part of Japan's manufacturing sector is only a relatively small part of the economy - perhaps employing only 10 per cent of the labour force. Yet that is where the effort to build and maintain a oriented" than ours and Jarran substantial surplus on trade in as "a little more American than

ration between government and business, business takes a more dominant position than we in the West allow. Indeed, one imported energy, mainly oil.

Japanese manufacturing is, of Japanese economist plaintively course, supported by govern-mused: "If the Japanese course, supported by government. First, government expen-diture in current account represents only 10 per cent of gross domestic products, against about 20 per cent in Britain. This draws fewer resources than in Britain into the public sector, prevents the creation of as many pseudo-jobs as in Britain and keeps down tax rates. That is so, even though the absence of a value-added tax or its equivalent means that Japan raises 72 per cent of its tax revenue from the direct taxation of individuals and companies.

more directly. Indeed, the and video recorders and, for as conventional wisdom in Britain is that the Japanese Government plays a decisive role in identifying those fields where Japan will soon achieve world supremacy – at present in day's industries – especially robots, bio-technology and the textiles and shipbuilding – as information revolution – and expendable, while we have for in organizing to do this.

My own conclusion is that this much overstates the role of which Japan is consciously

eovernments. There clearly is very effective collaboration between the Japanese Government and business and, certainly, the Government appears outstandingly good at collecting, analysing and dissemina-ting information. Despite the conventional wisdom in Britain it is not clear that the Japanese

I suspect that in the collabo-

Government were more power-

ful, what would become of

One advantage that Janan

has is that it is psychologically more willing than Britain to contemplate moving out of smoke-stack industries like

steel and chemicals and into

what the Japanese now call the

"short, small, thin and light

industries". Japan appears to be

the only leading power already

consciously trying to build a

long as is practical, will develop industries like steel, whose days

it now sees as numbered. Japan

differs strongly from Britain in

this willingness to regard yester-

These are the industries

years sought to sustain them,

Japan exploits to the full the

twenty-first century industry.

Japanese economic growth?"

We in Britain cling to yesterday's industries?

manufactured goods resides. We worry about this surplus, but often forget that Japan has little indigenous energy and that the trade surplus has been built up to pay Japan's huge bill for

percentage in Britain, with

Japanese statistics suggest

figures must be over-optimistic. Even in manufacturing, which

employs much the same pro-

portion of the labour force as in

Britain, the highly efficient,

of the work force.

Second, the Japanese export potential of today's Government also helps business successful industries like cars.

passing on to countries like South Korea, moving out of yesterday's industries and into iomorrow's. We in Britain cling far too tenaciously to yester-day's industries, because we lack the training the skills, perhaps the entrepreneurs, and certainly the nerve to move into

tomorrow's.

Japan is simply following good business strategy at a national level. This seems to be equally true at the level of the individual business. I asked one experienced British observer what were, in his view, the strengths of Japanese business. He listed five:

1) Constantly looking to the future - identifying opportunities and threats

2) Going for market share, but with high quality products 3) Continuously making small improvements in prod-3) Continuously ucts, so that product quality and performance are maintained 4) Developing good generalist managers

5) Who work as teams.

One can see here why Japan evoids many of our failings. It product design, quality, reliability and prompt delivery: avoiding what many see as Britain's undue preference for big leaps in technology rather than steady, persistent improve-ment; by developing good, generalist managers (especially in large companies) through the lifetime-education of an already well-educated labour force.

British businessmen, in my experience, seek to explain Japan's recent success by some unique strategem, some special gimmick. Indeed they seek to explain Britain's relative decline with equal naivete. Yet my informant's statement Japan's business strengths is no more than a statement of good business practice.

In short, the secret of the Japanese economic miracle is that there is no secret, Japan is simply taking best practices as expounded by the world's best business schools - Manchester, Harvard, or wherever - and applying them with dedication and discipline. If Japan has a single strength, it is that dedicated discipline.

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## Cooking outwith day care attendance allowance

In re Woodling Before Lord Diplock, Lord Scar-man, Lord Roskill, Lord Bridge of Harwich and Lord Brandon of [Speeches delivered February 9]

The requirement of another person's assistance to preparing meals was not an element of "attention . . . in connexion with . . . bodily functions". The House of Lords so held dismissing an appeal by Mrs Nona Parks Woodling from a decision of Mr Justice Woolf who refused to reverse by prerogative order decisions of the Attendance Allowance Board and the Social Security Commissioner who had held that the appellant was not in law entitled to an attendance allowance under section 35 of the Social Security Act 1975.

The judge certified pursuant to section 12 of the Administration of Justice Act 1969 that a point of law involved in the decision and that that point was one in respect of which he was bound by the decision of the Court of Appeal in R v Vational Insurance Commissioner, Ex parte Secretary of State for Social Services [[1981] | WLR 1017) (Packer's case)

Section 35(1) of the 1975 Act provides: "A person shall be entitled to an attendance allowance if he satisfies prescribed conditions as to satisfies presented conditions as to residence or presence in Great Britain and either – (a) he is so severely disabled physically or mentally that, by day, he requires from another person either - (i) frequent attenuon throughout the day in connexion with his bodily functions, or (ii) continual supervision throughout the day in order in avoid substantial danger to

himself or others...".

Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC and
Mr Richard Drabble for the appellant: Mr Simon D. Brown and Mr Stephen Aitchison for the Secretary of State for Social

person requiring attenuon only by day or only by night received an [Judgment delivered Februa attendance allowance at one rate, a person requiring attention both by day and by night at a higher rate. The sole criticism of the decision of the delegated medical practitioner (duly discharging the function delegated to him by the Atlendance Allowance Board) was that, in concluding that the appellant was not entitled to attention by day under section 35(1)(a) (no claim for attention at night having been made), he erred in law in excluding from consider-ation the appellant's requirement of another person's assistance in preparing her meals as an element of "attention ... in connexion with her bodily functions".

The scope of the provision in its context had been a matter of controversy for some time. The legislation assumed its present form

The Court of Appeal was told in Fackers's case that until 1979 it was that had the universal practice of delegated information

cooking from the relevant "atten-tion" to be considered under section 35(1)(a). Before 1979, in cases in which the point was not directly in usue, there were some conflicting dicta of different commissioners.

The point of construction was a short one, a difficult one and as a history of the controversy about it had shown, a point on which different minds could fairly take different views. It was largely a matter of impression and did not admit of elaborate argument or

First, it was clear that the policy underlying section 35 stopped short of providing an attendance allow-ance for all who were incapable of looking after themselves without some outside help even if that help

was frequently required.
Very large areas of domestic work in respect of which the disabled were necessarily dependent on others were deliberately excluded. If cooking was the one domestic chore that qualified, it was, in a sense, the odd man our

Again, it seemed a reasonable inference that the policy of the enactment was to provide a financial incentive to encourage families or friends to undertake the difficult and sometimes distasteful task of caring within the hope for those who were so severely disabled that they must otherwise become a charge on some public institution.

The language of the section should be considered as a whole. and such consideration would be more likely to reveal the intention than an attempt to analyse each

mentally that, by day, he requires from another person. Irequent attention throughout the day in connexion with his bodily functions". At first blinsh that language did not fit the person whose the person whose physical disablement only pre-vented him from preparing his own

If one had to break down and attempt to analyse the language three points needed emphasis. First, the disablement must be severe. Second, the phrase "bodily func-tions" was a restricted and precise one, narrower than, for example, "bodily needs". Third, the phrase "attention... in connexion with bodily functions", which must be read as a whole, connoted a high degree of physical intimacy between the person giving and the person receiving the attention.

The correct criterion was contained in the words of Mr Commissioner Monroe in 1974 and cited by Lord Justice Dunn in Packer's case that "the words of the section refer to a person who needs section refer to a person who needs
the relevant degree of attention in
connexion with the performance of
his bodily functions and . . . they are
directed primarily to those functions which the fit man normally
performs himself. Accordingly, the restricted construction was the

Lord Diplock, Lord Scarman, Lord Roskill and Lord Brandon Solicitors: Outred & Co for Kirk Jackson & Co. Swinton; Solicitor, Department of Health and Social

### Employer of jewel thief liable for loss

House (Cheyne Walk) Manage-LORD BRIDGE said that a ment Ltd and Another

[Judgment delivered February 1] A company the duty of which was to manage a block of flats would be vicariously liable for the fraud of a keys entrusted to him by a tenant to gain entry to her flat and steal

property belonging to her:

Mr Denis Henry QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held in a reserved judgment awarding the plaintiff, Mrs Anne Elizabeth Nahhas, damages of £23,250 in respect of insular stoles. jewelry stolen from her by an employee of the first defendant. Pier House (Cheyne Walk) Management Ltd. The second defendant was Harold Williams Bennen & Partners, estate agent.

Mr Daniel Serota for the plaintiff; Mr John Laws for the defendants. HIS LORDSHIP said that both defendants had been negligent in their recruitment procedures and they checked າກໂດຕກາລາiດກ given them by the medical practitioners to exclude porter, they would have discovered

Nahhas (formerly Hicks) v Pier that he was a professional thief and would not have employed him. In any event, the first defendant, whose employee the thef had been, was vicariously liable for his fraud because it had been committed in breach of the first defendant's duty to protect the plaintiff's flat and to take care of her keys, the performance of which it had delegated to the thief. It made no difference that the first defendant was not a bailee of the property

stolen.
The plaintiff had not been insured in respect of most of the loss brokers, acting from a mixture of benevolent and commer-cial motives, had, after the theft, paid the plaintiff a sum equivalent to her uninsured loss on condition that she sue the defendants and pay any damages recovered to them. Although that sum had been paid neither as a simple gift, nor under a

contract of insurance, there was no rule of law which prevented her oringing a claim in respect of the entire loss by way of subrogation. Solicitors: Needham & James. Birmingham; Stoneham Langton & Passmore, Croydon; Reynolds Porter Chamberlain.

## Guidance on remitting False entry on internal to juvenile court for sentence

The difficulty had arisen in crown courts over the effect of the Criminal Justice Acz 1982, which adopted a different approach to the treatment of juvenile offenders.

By that Act a juvenile court, as

year olds in certain circumstances.

The effect was an alignment of the scatenerus powers of the higher and lower courts. The concept of the juvenile court being the sole proper forum in which to deal with

juveniles now seemed to their Lordships to be out of place. When applying section 56(1) of the 1933 Act a court had to consider

whether it was "satisfied that it would be undesirable to ... remit

the case to a juvenile court ..."

Possible reasons that it would be

undesirable to do so were, inter alia, that the judge who presided over the trial would be better informed about

the facts and circumstances; that

there was, in the sad and frequent experience of the Court of Appeal, a

defendants were to be sentenced in

different courts on different

occasions; that, as a result of the remission, there would be delay, duplication of proceedings and finitiess expense; and the provisions for appeals, which were; from crown

court convictions to the Court of Appeal; and from orders made in

the invenile court, an appeal to the

crown court.

However, it might become

desirable to remit the case where a

report had to be obtained and the

judge would be unable to sit when it became available. That situation, however, should be avoided

whenever possible, for example, by

the committing justices giving directions that reports be obtained

section 68 and Schedule 12.

Regina v Lewis (Michael) Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice Mr Justice McCowan and Mr.Justice Legant

[Judgment delivered January 31] Guidance about the effect of the Criminal Justice Act 1982 on the need to remit convicted juveniles to a juvenile court for scatence was given by the Lord Chief Justice delivering judgment dismissing an appeal by Michael Lewis, aged 16, from a sentence of five years' detention imposed under section 53(2) of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 by Judge Cohen at

Persons Act 1933 by Judge Cohen at Newcasile upon Tyne Crown Court.

The appellant, then aged 15, had pleaded guilty to wounding another youth with intent to cause him grievous bodily harm, contrary to section 18 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861, by stabbing him repeatedly with a flick knife.

Mr Euan Duff, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeala, for the appellant. the appellant.
The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that in the circumstances the five-year sentence was absolutely correct. There was no doubt that the correct procedure had been adopted

by the judge. However, there seemed to have been a variation among crown courts in the practice adopted with regard to the need to remit juveniles. convicted in the crown court to a convicted in the crown court to a juvenile court for sentence and it might be helpful to take the opportunity afforded by the present case to give some guidance on the

His Lordship reviewed the historical background, from the Children Act 1908 to the Children and Young Persons Act 1969, and said that, after 1969, unless the crown court and its predece considered it appropriate to deal with a juvenile in a manner which was beyond the powers of a juvenile court, or by discharge, fine or bind over of parent or guardian, the matter was to be remitted to a juvenile court R v Holden ((1981) 3 Cr App R (S) 78) and R v Bailey ((1982) 4 Cr App R (S) 176).

Parent's candle duty at his home, as a result of which the plaintiff had sustained serious Jauffur v Akhber and Another

If a parent knew that there were injury. candles present in his house, he was under a duty to instruct his minor HIS LORDSHIP said that the second defendant had admitted liability for the plaintiff's injury, but the first defendant also was liable children as to the caution with which lighted candles should be treated, and to supervise them with a view to preventing danger arising because he had given his son no rom the use of candles by them.

Mr Justice Peter Pain so held in instruction or warning about the use of candles, knowing that there were candles present in the house.

the Queen's Bench Division on February 9, giving judgment for the plaintiff, Miss Nazma Bibi Jauffur, against the first defendant, Mr The plaintiff had also alleged breach of the common duty of care. imposed on the first defendant by section 2 of the Occupiers' Liability Malik Akhbar, on the issue of Act 1957, but his Lordship doubted liability in an action which she had whether that Act was intended to brought against him and his son, Mr cover such a case as this, and accordingly he would give judgment Abdul Akhbar, who, when aged 14, had, consequent upon his negligence accordingly he would be write a lighted candle, caused a fire in negligence only.

## document no offence Regina v Tweedie (Brian Gordon) . been employed as a senior metal dealer by Gerald Metals Ltd which

Before Lord Justice Lawton, Mr Justice Drake and Mr Justice Hobbouse [Judgment delivered January 27] An employee, who knowingly put a false entry on a document with the intent to decrive, or mislead his

well as the crown court, was empowered to impose detention - sections 4 and 5; youth custody - maximum of six months for one offence and maximum aggregate of employers, was not guilty of an offence under section I(I) of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1906. where that document was to be used for internal purposes and not 12 months - sections 6 and 7 and section 24(3) of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 as amended by Schedule 14 in the 1982 Act; and community service orders for 16 intended to go to a third party, The Court of Appeal Criminal Division, so held when allowing the appeal of Brian Gordon Tweedie against his conviction of corruption on October 3, 1982 at the Central Criminal Court contrary to section

nine months imprisonment sus-pended for two years, and discharg-ing the criminal bankrupicy order made against him in the sum of £170,000. Section 1(1) of the 1906 Act provides in the third paragraph; "If any person knowingly gives to any agent, or if any agent knowingly uses with intent to deceive his principal. any receipt, account, or other document in respect of which the principal is interested, and which contains any statement which is false or erroneous or defective in

any material particular, and which to his knowledge is intended to mislead the principal; he shall be guilty of [an offence]".

Mr John Black, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr R. Alun Jones for the Creminal Appeals of the Creminal Appeals.

bought and sold precious metals including palladium and silver.

After each deal he entered the anyone else being so.

His Lordship said that the third was part of one subsectransaction on his trading sheet which was handed in to the accounting staff at the end of each accounting staff at the end of each trading day. If a sale had been

effected an invoice was made out.
On September 23, 1980 the appellant was told by one of his directors to sell silver and palladium before the close of trading because, as it turned out, he suspected the market was likely to start falling. The appellant made false entries on his trading sheet showing that he had sold 3,000 troy ounces of palladium and 16,000 troy ounces of silver, and handed it to the accounts staff. The appellant was found out and confessed that the sales had not

been carried out. His company had suffered a loss of £170.000. His Lordship said that as far as was known the present case was the first time such a charge had been preferred in respect of a false entry made by an employee in a document which was to be used in the employer's business.

Mr Black submitted that the third

paragraph of section I(I) of the Act was only to apply in respect of accounting documents passing or intended to pass between a principal and a third party, and so the trading sheet did not come within the

Mr Jones submitted that there would be evidence of dishonesty if the prosecution were able to prove trust had knowingly used a the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE LAWTON, giving the reserved judgment of the court, said that the appellant had the court and mislead his employers.

paragraph was part of one subsec-tion which dealt in the first two paragraphs with dishonest conduct. cither as a fact or in contemplation, citaer as a fact of the contemparation of the last part of the subsection to create an offence which made an employee criminally liable for using a document which did not have any connexion with a third party or was not intended to go to a third party. The words "or other document"

should be construed as meaning a document which would pass inter paries. All the words following intent to deceive his principal" were words common to the definition of an offence by a third The court adopted what was said

the court adopted what was said by Mr Justice Lawrence in Sage v Eicholz ([1919] 2 KB 171] where it was noted that the word "corruptly" was omitted from the third paragraph of section (i). The trading sheet was a document for accounting purposes and was not accounting purposes and was not used inter partes. It did not acquire those characteristics merely because its existence started the procedure by which later inter partes documents would come into existence. Parliament could not have

intended that any document knowingly used by an employee with an intent to deceive or mislead his employers would be caugh under the 1906 Act. The appeal would therefore be allowed. Solicitors: Edward Fail, Bradshaw & Waterson: Director of Public

### Tolerance clause in time charter Mr R. J. L. Thomas for the of performance options: see per owners; Mr Stephen Males for the Lord Devlin in Reardon Smith Line Lord Devlin in Reardon Smith Line

Atlantic Lines and Navigation Co Inc v Didymi Corporation and Another

Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Dunn and Lord Justice Browne-Wilkinson

[Judgment delivered February 6] When time charters contained clauses that ships were to be redelivered to owners five years from the commencement of the charters with tolerance periods of three months more or less in the charterers' option, to be narrowed to charterers option, to be narrowed to 45 days more or less in the charterers' option at latest by the end of the fourth year of the charters, notices given after the end of the fourth year purporting to narrow the tolerance periods to the 90 days immediately prior to the end of the fifth year would be

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by owners against the judgment of Mr Justice Staughton on January 16 (The Times, January on January 16 (Ine Ilmes, January 18) who granted the charterers a declaration that they were entitled to redeliver two ships within the 90-day periods immediately prior to the fifth anniversary of the the fifth anniversary of commencement of the charters.

Charterers.
The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that a "contractual option" enabled the beneficiary to define precisely what the contract required of him. A "performance option" itself defined the alternative ways in which the contract could be performed and called for no action upon the part of the beneficiary save

to perform the contract in a particular way. The references to the charters being for five years three months more or less at the charterers' option without any requirement as to how or when the options were to be Solicitors: Holman, Fenwick & exercised had all the characteristics Willan; Clyde & Co.

Lid v Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food ([1963] AC 69].
729) and the judgment of the Court of Appeal in The Aspa Maria ([1976] 2 Lloyd's Rep 643).
The decision agrument was that The decisive argument was that which treated the option to narrow the redelivery period to 45 days more or less as a duty, albeit one which contained an option with it.

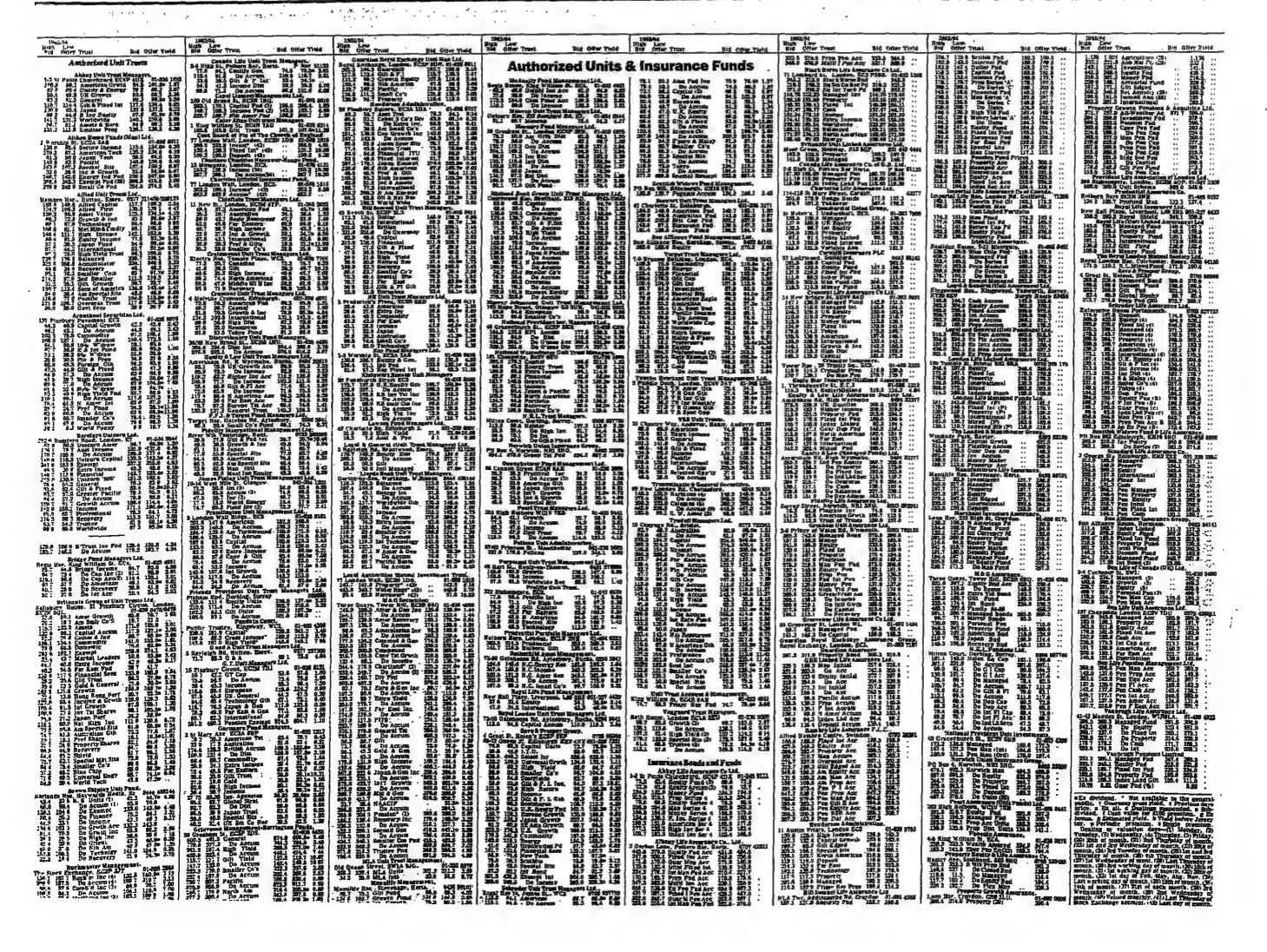
The words "to be narrowed" suggested a duty. The judge was right. The appeal should be dismissed. Lord Justice Dung and Lord Justice Browne-Wilkinson agreed.

## Holidays for disabled

Ealing London privately arranged holiday, it was an Regina Borough Conneil, Ex parte

Where a disabled person had applied to a local authority under section 2(1)(f) of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970

error of law for the authority to decline to consider the application on the eround that they would only grant such assistance for holidays which they had arranged or sponsored, Mr Justice Mann held in the Queen's Bench Division on



From John Hennessy, Sarajevo



Jayne Torvill afternoon treasured Olympic gold dancing. The three compul-

introduction, lasting from 1 pm in the British and European championships earlier in the season are the Paso Doble, the Westminster Waltz and the Rhumba. If there are those of little faith who refuse to tempt providence by accepting the almost universal view that

questing innovators as well as technical experts.

All the same, they have had second thoughts about a hold in the Paso Doble and a change of position, more than anything else, in the Waltz. They would hope by those means to deny ammunition to any judge who stuck rigidly by not only protocol but also convention.
A meeting with Irina Absalia-

mova, the Russian judge, fast cvening was an agreeable interlude but provided no penetration of mind. It may be recalled that it was she who reduced the British couple to a penal 5.6 for the original set pattern Paso Doble in the European championships in Budapest last month.

Perhaps even more surprising was her second place for Torvill and Dean behind her own compatriots. Natalya Bestemianova and Andrei Bukin, in the Waltz. Her marks were 5.8 for the Soviet Union and 5.7 for Britain. Only the French judge, who marked both couples level, refused similarly to acknowl-

course to Mrs Absaliamova in

Since charm failed to move Chris- Mrs Absaliamova another detopher Dean vice was used. She would, I set off this suggested, be the focus of all in attention in her marks this search of the week, with every British camera trained on her. Alas, she took the remark as a leg-pull rather medals for ice than an attempt at intimidation.

I do not, of course, seriously suggest that any judge is guilty sory dances provide a long of bias, one way or the other, introduction, lasting from 1 pm but the British bow to orthoto 6 pm. The chosen group, as in the Paso and the Waltz in the British and European should disarm any criticism.

Bestemianova and Bukin ought to pose the biggest threat to Tovill and Dean, having been runners-up to them in the last two world championships and two of the last three European championships. The Russians won the European by

to win this first exercise.

Their compulsories are as near flawless as you can humanly get and the little embellishments they have infiltrated in the rigid set of rules haid down by the International Skating Union stamp the stamp that stamp the stamp the stamp the stamp the stamp the stamp the stamp that stamp the stamp the stamp the stamp the stamp the stamp that stamp the stamp that stamp the stamp the stamp that stamp the s judging by the other seven judges, of Mrs Absaliamova and Mrs Van Eybergen.

Only one other couple seem to have the potential to live with Torvill and Dean, the American champions Judy Blumberg and Michael Seibert. Thy were third in last year's world championship.
The American, showever,

have suffered a serious setbyack in their training for Seibert contracted a disease variously described as hepatitis and glandular fever, which kept him off the ice altogether for five weeks on either side of Christmas. He has been reintroduced to training only gently and it is hard to believe that be, and they, can be match-fit for such a demanding occasion.

The other eight judges come from Hungary, West Germany, Britain, Japan, Czechoslovakia, Italy, Canada and the United States. The second stage of the competition, the original set pattern, is to be held on Sunday,

Torvill and Dean have been dances. The British couple,

## **Russian for Canadiens?**

Italy 5-1 in their second preliminary Group A match. Russians are seeking their sixth gold medal in eight Winter games. West Germany, who also won their opening match on Tuesday, took two more points by beating Poland 8-5.

Vladislav Tretyak, the Soviet Union's 31-year-old net-minder, has Linion's 31-year-old net-minder, has been sent a contract by the Montreal Canadiens, of North America's National Hockey League. A representative of the Canadiens, Jerry Grundman, delivered the contract to a Soviet sports offical. Tretyak

1,210-metre Trebevic run. The fourday event tooks act to develop into a tough battle between Italy and East Germany after the first two lugers from each nation all finished within four bundredths of a second of each

The favourite for the title, Paul Hildgartner, was well in touch in third place behind East Germany's

### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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WOMEN'S 10km CROSS COUNTRY! 1, M-L
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(Nor) 32:127; 4, B Auril (Nor) 32:17:7; 5, A
Jahren (Nor) 32:26:2; 6, L M Risby (Swe)
32:34:3; 7, M Myrmed (Nor) 32:35:2; 8, Y
Stepanova (USSR) 32:45:7; 9 N Bouristona (USSR) 32:55:8; 10, K Jertowa (Cd 23:55:7;
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Lareny 39:05:2; 48, D Trueman 39:28:4; 49, L
Jeffrey 40:11:2,

SPRED SKATING
WOMEN'S 1.500 METRE: 1, K Erks (EG)
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203.27; 3, N Petruseve (USSR) 205.27; 4, G
Schonbrushi (EG) 207.69; 5, E Rys-Fere; 6, Pol) 208.09; 6, V Labenkove (USSR) 208.17;
7, N Kourova (USSR) 2:08.41; 8 8 Jensen (Nor)
2:09.53; 9, I Limbeck (Noth) 2:10.35; 10, S
Smuda (WG) 2:10.55.

Depth

LUGE

MEN'S SINGLES (first rus - unofficial): 1. E Haspinger (fit 48.157seconds: 2. T Gueritzer

The triple world champion, Ernst Haspinger, of Italy took the

lead on the first run of the Olympic men's single luge championship with a time of 46.157 secs on the day event looks set to develop into a

# (EG) 48.177; 3, F Histoperiner (R) 46.182; 4, M Whiter (EG) 46.188; 5, Y Kharichenko (USSIR) 48.305; 7, J Schettel (WG) 46.99; 8, S Denifer (USSIR) 48.433; 9, M Prock (Austria) 48.468; 10, G Sandbücher (Austria) 46.6021; 87tish placings: 27, A Laborne 49.901; 28, C Prenice 50.93; 30 M Howard 50.415.

WOMEN'S SINGLE (first run - unofficiel): 1, S Martin (EG) 41.839 seconds; 2, B Schmidt (EG) 41.662; 3, U Weiss (EG) 41.908; 4, V Zozutya (USSR) 42.079; 5, I Anantova (USSR) 42.101; 6, A Goefiner (Austria) 42.437; 7, M Rahner (II) 42.560; 8, B Warnar (US) 42.832; 9, M Jasentchakova (Czech) 42.82; 10, C Zeitz (IWS) 42.707. British piecing: 27, C Sherred 45.580.

ICE HOCKEY

SROUP A: West Germany 8, Poland 5: Soviel Inlon 8, Italy 1.

### Off the ice: Canada's Bruce Driver was forced to cool off after this cross-check on Austria's Rudolf Koenig Too Arctic for the Alpine men

The Olympic alpine sking regramme suffered an early programme suffered an early setback yesterday when the first event, the men's downhill on Mount Bjelasnica, had to be called off. A wind gusting to 30mph was accompanied by poor visibility and driving snow and the cancellation was announced as early as 10,30mm, an hour and a half before the race was due to start.

was due to start.

Marc Hodler, president of the International Ski Federation (FIS), explained that the decision to postpone the race was taken in the interests not only of the skiers but also of others involved in the event. also of others involved in the event. Several soldiers among many drafted in to lick the course into shape, had already been taken down the mountain with frostbite.

As optimistic weather forecast might have induced the officials to stay their hand but the meterologists predicted, correctly, a continuation of the sarctic conditions. of the sarctic conditions.

The race will be run today, weather permitting. Otherwise it would have to be held over to

A new draw has had to be made

and has heavily favoured three of the leading challengers. Peter Mueller (Switzerland), Bill Johnson (United States) and Todd Brooker (Canada), who were to have occupied the first three places, will now bring up the rear of the first

### Talks on torch relay plan fail

mer games, Greek sources said

mer plans by Los Angeles for a sponsored forch relay across the United States before the Games begin in July have been denounced by the Greek government and National Olympic Committee as commercialization of the flame they

A Greek member of the International Olympic Committee, Nikoaos Nissiotis, discussed the issue in laos Nissiotis, discussed the issue in Sarajevo with Peter Uegerroth, the president of the Los Angeles Organizing Committee. Greek sources said the talks failed to resolve the dispute, but would be resumed in a few weeks' time.

national Olympic Committee (IOC)
was congratulated yesterday for
refusing to give accreditations to refusing to give accreditations to journalists from the Europe-based American Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty for the Olympic Winter Geometry

newspaper in Poland, said the activity of the two Munich-based stations - Radio Free Europe broadcasts in Polish and Radio Liberty in Russian - "is directed against Socialist countries, especially against Poland these last few years, and has nothing to do with the Olympic ideal".

**GOLF** 

Johnstone five

shots clear

of the field

Johannesburg (Reuter). - Tony Johnstone, of Zimbabwe, broke away from the other challengers in the second round of the South African open tournament here yesterday, scoring 65, seven under par, to go five shots clear, on 132. One stroke ahead overnight, Johnstone made it all look very easy vesterday, recording seven birdies.

yesterday, recording seven birdies and never going above par, as the rest faltered and dropped shots.

He enters the third round 12 under par, while his nearest challenger, the American, Bill

challenger, the American, Bill Buttner, stands alone on 137, after a 67 vesterday, Nicky Price, of South

MELBOURNE: The defending

lia, leads after yesterdays first round

of the Victorian open tournament

second place, after a 69, is the American-based Australian, Jamie

Attencen-Dascel Australian, Jamie Crow.

NELECURINE: Victorian open tournament (Australian unless stated): 68: R Shearer; 69: J Crow; 70: T Gala. R Picker, W Grady, O Moore, G Norman; 71: J Luster (NZ), C Bishep, R Shaw; 72: G Serham, C Stader (US), I Balez-Frich, R Mackey, J Serior, B Green, D Clarks, (NZ), P Senior, R Days.

Africa, is another shot back.

### British women keep true spirit alive blazing Nordic trail From David Miller, Sarajevo

What is left of the genuine. Central Australian temperatures old Olympic spirit was cheerof 120°F. Mrs Trueman, a fully to be found here yesterday schoolteacher, had closed on the among the first-ever British Canadians's relative times by women's Nordic cross-country almost five minutes in two ski team. They occupied consecutive positions from forty-Not the least interesting statistics of this arduous race, fifth to fortyeighth, ahead of four communist Chinese, and

were only marginaly disap-

The winner of the 10 kilometres race, in 31 minutes

44.2 seconds, was Marja-Lisa Hamalainen, a 28-year-old Finn

who has been skiing since she

budget which finances Women's

Institute seaside outings rather

than Olympic champions. Mrs Trueman and her husband

John, the team manager, both

residents of Alice Springs in

Sponsored.

over a tormenting course in a biting wind which caused the men's downhill to be postponed, was that five of the women in the first 20 are mothers, a reassuring achieve-ment for feminists. Indeed, Today's events

was five, first competed at six, and has a string of international achievements behind her. She won by 18 seconds from another specialist, Raissa Sme-Alpine skiing: men's downhil Nordic skiing: men's 30km Luge: men's singles, women's singles

tanina, of the Soviet Union, both of them substantially Figure skating: ice dance: compulsory es; pairs skaling; short programme deighs two-man (first and second The British women - Ros Coats, Nicola Lavery, Doris BBC1-TY: 2-3.55pm (ice dance); 6.40-7.30pm (round up); 10.50-11.15 pm (pairs) Trueman and Lauren Jeffrey have prepared on the sort of

Berit Aunli, who won three gold medals and a silver in the 1982 world championships, produced a daughter last year and now missed a bronze medal by only five seconds behind her compatriot, Brit Pettersen.

Australia, have paid around £6,000 for the privilege of being The team director, Major By comparison, the Firth twins of Canada, Shirley and John Leaning, considers that the results are an unfavourable Sharon, who both finished in reflection of Britain's recent the top 30, received a £65,000 Sarajevo, Reuter - A dispute over a planned Olympic torch relay is still unresolved after talks between Greek Olympic affidals and Sulgaria, whose individual competitors improvement because Roma-Greek Olympic officials and in Calgary. By what one might, have been beaten by the British, in sporting terms, call sheer were not among the 16 national blood and guts, training in teams entered.

Miss Jeffrey, a 22-year-old WRAC with the Intelligence Corps and potentially the most promising of the quartet, was frustrated with her position at the rear - she fell after nine kilometres - for which she offered only barrack-room epi-thets. Possibly she was over-awed mentally by the occasion but by 1988 she could be a leading contender.

Upper body physique is a key factor. Nadya Bourlakova, of the Soviet Union, starting half a minute behind Miss Jeffrey, had reduced the margin by 15 seconds after only a minute and a half of the first climb and subsequent downhill run.

Miss Coats, a 34-year-old redundant physics teacher from Renfrewshire, who decided not to seek reemployment until after the Olympics, was ill a week ago but made a strong recovery. She was five times winner of the Ben Nevis Fell Run and as Leaning says: "If we'd caught her 10 years ago for skiing it could have been a different story." She began skiing six years ago.

Leaning's aim over the next eight years, with a modest grant from the Sports Council, is to try to broaden the base, specially by enlisting more women from the athletics arena: outstanding runners from 1,500 and 3,000 metres and crosscountry runners who, unlikely be internationals, could instead become Olympic con-tenders if they would switch to

### Miss Enke wins gold in 1,500m

Sarajevo (Reuter) - Karin Enke, of East Germany, shattered the world 1,500 metres record as she won the first speed skating gold medal of the Games here yesterday.

Miss Enke, who switched from figure skating to speed skating six years ago, scorched round the Zetra Oval in 2 minutes 03.42 seconds to break the world mark by 0.62 seconds.

Her teammate, Andrea Schoen took the silver medal with a time of 2 minutes, 05.29 seconds - almost records slower - and Natalia Petruseva of the Soviet Union, who held the previous record, won the bronze with 2 minutes 05.78

The East German team also took fourth place through Gabi Schoenb-

The top 12 finishers broke the Olympic record of 2 ministes 10.95 seconds set by Annie Bocink, of the Netherlands, in 1980.

IN BRIEF

## **Sports Council** in grant aid

The Government is to increase its grant to the Sports council by more than £2 million this year.

Sports Minister Neil Macfarlane.

National Indoor Tennis Champion ship in Memphis.

Masters' snooker tournament

includes £500,000 specifically for Merseyside. TENNIS: American Tim Gullikson

sinciair won both his qualifying group matches in Batley yesterday, defeating Ray Edmonds and John Hargreaves 2-1, to go through to join the group headed by Terry Griffiths, the number eight seed, when the competition proper begins when the competition proper begins in Derby on February 27.

first victory in the world champion-ships, when they beat the Faroe Islands 21-19 in their C group match in Italy. The victory, secured in the dying seconds with a goal from top-scorer Billy Hayburn (6), followed defeats at the hands of

# nets extra £2m

Sports minister iven macrariane, in a Commons written reply vesterday, said the grant would be £29,359,000 compared with £27,123,000 in 1983.84. The grant

fought back from three set points to defeat second-seeded Yannick Noah of France 7-6, 6-4 in the second round of the 250,000 dollar US

SNOOKER: Eddie Sinclair, the Scottish number one, easily qualified for the final stages of the £65,000 Yamaha International

Sinclair won both his qualifying

HANDBALL: Britain scored their Austria (32-12) and the Netherlands

### It is far harder to make adjustments in a winning side, a here the possession that Mark Douglas at scrum half had to deal with was not of the best. point Ray Williams used to make when he was coaching organisers. No one can look to the performance At least in his second appearance

remains strong.

**RUGBY UNION** 

Doubts remain but

Wales play safe

for the French test

The Weish selectors have announced an unchanged team to play France a week tomorrow, with Mike Watkins, after his commanding leadership in his first international

as Captain. There is a change, however, in the replacements where Jeff Whitefoot, the Cardiff prop, comes in for Stafff Jones.

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losing team provided there are suitable alternatives. This is not

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at wing forward other back row members gave Moriarry protection and support, whereas against and forward to the support of the last Saturday and suggest anyone played below par. Yet there is a feeling the team can still be strengthened. The whole his own to contend with Leslie.

It is in his other role on the side of back division looks highly promis-ing with both Bowen and Ackerman the scrum that he will be brought to in particular proving to be penetrative runners. It is at forward the test against France. that doubts persist, John Perkins, who is not playing as well as last season when he ought to have been chosen for the Lions, is, one assumes, chosen for his scrummag-ing ability. On the evidence so far little use had been made of him, for whatever casen, in the line out.



lock who was played out of position in Romania, is a candidate as is Adrian Owen of Abetavon. Phil May of Llanelli, though not in the squad, is playing well too.

For the present, at any rate, the selectors may be correct in assessing that Perkins' powerful presence in the scrum ensures that others.

A question mark still hangs over A question mark sun mangs over Richard Moriarty. His main contribution at Lansdowne Road was in the line out, although oven

the scrum ensures that

## Friends and rivals are going to clash

One school particularly appreciat- ley College (also unbeaten) which

ive of the recent improvement in the fierce weather that curtailed rugby over much of the country is Queen Elizabeth's Hospital, Bristol. Last Saturday they defeated Christ College, Brecon, (16-12) to bring their record this season to: played

whatever reason, in the line out, Terry Shaw, the young Newbridge

Next Saturday they meet their near friends and rivals, Bristol Grammar School and must be forgiven for feeling a degree of confidence. They can boast four players from Gloucestershire 18 or the form of the formula side (James Denies controlled). group side (James Davies, centre, Chris Davies, a wing, Lloyd at scrum half and Peutland, a prop). Perhaps their most spectacular victory was over Queen's Taunton, who they beat 57-11, but one of their most satisfying victories was at the expense of Llandovery College (19-4). Dobney, an outstanding wing is too old for advancement at

18 group level. During the height of the freeze-up one school to defeat the elements as one school to detect the elements as well as their opponents was Rydal, who beat Merchant Taylors', Crosby, by a single point (7-6) through a late dropped goal by Owen, their talented stand off half.

One of the outstanding Lanca-shire sides. West Park School, are unbeaten after 22 matches and their long awaited meeting with Winstanley Collège (also unbeaten) which was a casualty of the weather, may not now be played; West Park are due to meet Cowley on February 22. West Park have a remarkable record in seven-a-side tournaments and in the weeks ahead will enter seven tournaments in four of which they are defending champions:

Further north, Austin Friens School, Carlisle, are also unbeaten ufter ten matches; the school has under 300 boys between 11 and 18 under 300 boys between 11 and 16; the England 18 group trials are now under way; on February 25 the North play the Middinds, who have already been besten by London Schools. Next Sanday, the 12th, the Southern trials will be held at Beckenham when the South Exst meet the combined South and South West areas team. West areas team.

TEAM: A S Mitchell (Redrush), T R Richertson (Blunder's), G M Underwood (Exsier Colego), T P B Plewman (Sherborne), J Bosell (Dosel, A J Buzza (Redrush), S W Whitworth (Track W M Rawding (Berkhamsted), M Wyat (Epier Colego), R M Greenwood (Wyadest), A G Blackrige (Badminster Down), A T Brish (Avg. Comprohensive), C T Philips (Bryanston), S S Bryant (Sherborne).

Mélville's operation Nigel Melville, the Wasps captain and scrum half, expects to have a second operation next week to remove the remains of a cartilage.

**BOXING** 

### Feeney is favourite but will take no chances

George 'eeney' of Hartepool. physical last year when he went to defends his British lightweight title litaly to meet Ray Mancini; the against Paul Chance at Dudley world lightweight champion, in a Town Hall tonight, and although current form makes the champion an outstanding favourits. Feeney is well aware that there can be many a

slip. Every time a title holder makes a voluntary defence, which is what this is". Feeney's manager, Denny Mancini, said yesterday, "he is taking a terrible risk. If he comes through, everyone concerned pats himself on the back. If not, you wonder what the hell made you take the fight in the first place. You've lost and there's no escape. In this case Chance is a good fighter and he will perform above himself because he has nothing to lose and

everything to gain."

Feeney looks to good to lose. In the past few years after making an

uncertain start to his professional career, he has developed into one of Britain's most reliable boxers. He

gave him the remotest chance. But coming from the North-East and being endowed with true grit, Feeney not only survived but gave the champion a hard time. His reward was a further well paid visit to Italy and a bout with the world ranked Howard Davis. Again, he was far from disgraced.

He closed the year decisively by stopping the highly fancied Tony Willis in two minutes on December 3. in the first defence of his British

Tony Sibson, due to meet Louis Acaries for the European middle weight title in Paris on February 25, hopes to start sparring for the bout on Monday - less than a month after having the stitches removed from a badly out evebrow suffered in

## **Banjo for Quarless**

Banjo in a final eliminator for the British title. It is a piquant match since the unbeaten Banjo, one of the four men to have beaten Quarless, stopped him in eight rounds in February last year - a contest in which Onarless suffered a broken jaw

Noel Quarless, the controversial Liverpool heavyweight, has been matched with Funso glad of the chance to set the glad of the chance to set the record straight.

The boxing board have also ordered a rematch between the new light-heavyweight charapion, Dennis Andries (Hackney) and the man from whom he took the titles, Tom Collins, of

**SQUASH RACKETS** 

### Army aiming to break their own record By Rex Bellamy

a second interesting tanomark at Lee on Solent today. The Army shold beat the Royal Navy with something to spare and surpass their own record by winning the title for a 10th consecutive year. The only Service who habitually keep their

Navy six.

The RAF, beaten 4-1 by the Army yesterday, had the usual insoluble problem. The Army's first three strings are Robbinson, who have a ready of the England have played twice for England, Chris Wilson, whose 106 Scottish Chris Wilson, whose 106 Scottish caps yesterday earned him a commemorative silver plate from the Combined Services SRA, and Neil Stewart who vaguely confesses to "about 67" appearances for Scotland. All won in straight games yesterday, though Dave Clarke had a game ball against Robinson. a game ball against Robinson.

a game ball against Robinson.

Clarke suspects that be plays better when coming off the night shift. This may partly explain why he played better on Wednesday when half asleep than he did yesterday when wide awake. He is a large man whose joints and large man whose joints and intervening connexions seem to have a telescopic capacity for extension under stress. This was often evident yesterday because he was usually under stress. Remorse-lessly punishing and tidy, Robinson

The 50th inter-services cham- finished him off with the calculated pionship is on the point of reaching flourish of a nicked backhand drop, a second interesting landmark at Stewart, mixing the long and Stewart, mixing the long and short games with low, wall-hugging precision, had put the Army ahead comneeding only two points to Nigel Giffin. Both are left-handed to the part and impression of a there was an odd impression of Service who habitually keep their feet on the ground, they have so far won 32 championships. The Royal Air Force have won 11 and the Navy six.

The RAF, beaten 4-1 by the Army The RAF, beaten 4-1 by the Army RAF level with a strenuous 10-8. 9-2. 7-9, 10-8 win over Clark Adam. who came back from 2-7.10 so there was an odd impress

Adam, who came back from 2-710 8-7 in the fourth game. Robinson then made it 2-1 and RObinson then made it 2-1 am Dick Sharkey, taking time off from presumably sadistic labours as a PTI, won the deciding point by beating the Combined Services. Under 25 champion, Mick Leosgid who led 3-6 in the first game but left it. Then were architect to be done. winning backhand, which spec cross-court into the nick along

the service box.
Robinson (the older). Wilson and Clarke will eventually be among the competitors in the Jesters Trouby tournament - the spiritual successor to the old amateur cha beginning today at the Heathfield Club in north west London.
Club in north west London.
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and the free dance on Tuesday. edge British supremacy.

The French judge on that occasion. Armelle van Eybergen, tended to follow a parallel relation to clean ice on all three Budapest, but for these games however, are marginally better

Sarajevo (Reuter) - The gold medal favourites, the Soviet Union maintained their 100 per cent record in the Olympic ice hockey playing for Montreal

• Warsaw (AFP) - The Inter-

Rzeczpospolita, the official party

### Miss Enke setting a world record at the Zetra Oval **TENNIS** Bates earns praise from

Paul Hutchins, the Lawn Tennis Association's national team manager, came to the fourth day of the LTA international satelline event at Telford having heard all about Jeremy Bates' dismal attitude as he

6-3. 6-1, he was admirably positive. with nothing more impressive than his return of what was a considerable service. Haynes, who stands 6ft 6in, gave Bates some anxious moments as he came back from 1-4 and 3-4 in the first set but, as the match wore on, he was made to look thoroughly he was made to look thoroughly unwickly as he was chased about the court. Indeed, so frustrated did he become that, before shaking hands, he launched a ball into the courts beyond the spectator aisle.

Hutchins, who is about to name

national team manager By Lewine Mair In his semi-final. Bates meets Peter Lundgren, the 19-year-old Swede to whom he lost in three sets in the final of last week's satellite

event at Bramball.

abusive language Varquez hurled and kicked his racket, struck a ball

violently at a sidewall and then proceeded to kick and shake the

chair still occupied by Tony Little,

Quito, Reuter - Andres

Gomez, the world's 10th ranked

player, will lead Ecuador's

attempt to topple Sweden, the

1983 runners-up, in their first round Davis Cup tie later this

In the other semi-final, Mike Brunnberg a powerfully built American whose patience is perhaps scraped through his first round against Nick Brown.

The Bates Hutchins saw in American whose patience is perhaps a little patchy, plays Per Hjertquist. As was to be expected Hjertquist yesterday defeated Fredrick Rosenquist. a fellow Swede, lying 422 places below him on the computer, 6-1, 6-1 yesteday's quarter-finals, though, was a different creature. In defeating Garth Haynes, of the United States, G-1. 6-0.

GUARTER FRALE: { Lundgran (Swe) bt G Layendecker (US) 7-6. 6-1: J Bains (GB) bt G Hayendecker (US) 7-6. 6-1: M Brumberg (US) bt R Green (US) 6-3. 6-1: M Brumberg (US) bt R Green (US) 6-3. 6-1: M Brumberg (US) bt R Green (US) 6-3. 6-1: M Brumberg (Swe) bt R Rocky Vasquez, of America, was last night at Telford fined \$75 (E53) for what Tony Gathercole, the tournament referee, described as a "disgusting display of anger" after Vasquez and Jacques Manset had lost 5-7, 6-2. 6-4 to Brian Levine and Mike Brunnberg. Besides using abusive language Vasquez hurled

MELBOURNE: The desenting Hutchins, who is about to name his fourth man for the Davis Cup match which starts at Telford a (AP reports). He scored 68, four fortnight today had nothing but under par, to take a one shot lead. In competed against Haynes. "In the right mood," he said. "Jeremy is a right mood." he said. "Jeremy is a fine player. However, rather like John Lloyd, he is only in the right mood if he is happy with the way he is hitting the ball. He's somehow got to learn to work his way through a match on a day when things are not

## Mariner's £150,000 move to Arsenal brings about Ferguson's saddest loss

Arsenal yesterday completed accumulated 33 caps and scored delighted that John Docherty the £150,000 signing of the England forward, Paul Mariner, consecutive matches. from Ipswich Town. Mariner agreed terms with the London club, and is due to return to Highbury for a medical today. He has been on the transfer list with 13. for the last four months, and wanted more money than the pointed Frank McLintock as

losing Paul. He is another class player we have had to let go. Of all the players I have sold, Paul is the one I am saddest about." Mariner was originally on the for Scotland.

transfer list for £500,000, but the East Anglian club accepted Arsenal's offer because of their rising debts. Mariner aged 30, is recovering from an ankle injury, fifth spell at Griffin Park. He but will not be fit for Arsenal's was there three times as a trip to Liverpool tomorrow, Mariner joined Ipswich in October 1976, for £200,000, assistant manager, is leaving the

October 1970, for 1200,000, after spending three years at Plymouth Argyle, where he scored 61 goals in 158 games. He made his England debut very impressed with the chairman and the set-up generally.

For Ipswich, Mariner has Newcastle United may re-

£50,000 a year he was reportedly receiving at Ipswich.

Th Ipswich manager, Bobby
Ferguson, said: "I am sick to be

Thursday.

McLintock, currently on the Queen's Park Rangers coaching staff, captained Arsenal during their 1970/71 league and cup double season, and also played

McLintock's assistant man-

against Luxembourg, in a man and the set-up generally, World Cup match at Wembley The club has got tremendous in March 1977, coming on as potential, more than many in substitute for Joe Royle at half-time. Since then, he has some in the first division, I am

made more than 300 appearances, scoring 123 goals. He is the team's top scorer this season approach to their captain, Kevin Keegan Portsmouth's millionaire chairman, John Deakon, has publicly stated that he wants the former England captain when his contract with Newcastle ends in the summer. Newcastle believe this constitutes a breach of League rules. The Newcastle manager,

Arthur Cox, said yesterday: There is no way that Portsmouth, or any other club for that matter, will b allowed permission to talk to Kevin while he is under contract to this club. In fact, permission will be definitely refused. We have already told Mr Decon that in no circumstances will Portsmouth or any other club

Torquay's new manager, Dave Webb, has given his five most senior professionals free transfers. Webb said yesterday: "They're the ones holding the strongest contracts, and I need



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## Chairman who will Search for new Welsh FA home

hold on to his chair

(Usganham), J Powell (Kidderminster), M McCayna (Leytonstone/literd), G Tobin (Racchartel)d, A Parson (North Shields), C Chesters (Northelch Victoria), O Smith (Runcom), G Pearson (Waymouth). Jim Thompson plans to remain chairman of the Alliance Premier League whatever the outcome of the loardroom wranglings at his club, Maidstone United. Mr Thompson had been ousted by his fellow ● John King, the former Altrin-cham captain, has been named manager of the Alliance Premier League club. King, who had been enjoying a highly successful first season in management with South Liverpool in the Northern Premier directors from his position as chairman of Maidstone and has chairman of Matostone and has been replaced by the former vice-chairman, Cyril Nicholis.

Alliance League rules state that their chairman has to be either a director of a member club or a life member of the league and Mr. Thompson qualifies on both counts.

Despite having been voted out of League, succeeds Tony Sanders, who resigned last month for

business reasons. King's successor at South Liver-pool is Brian Griffiths, the former Burscough and Formby manager. In Despite having been voted out of the chairmanship of Maidstone, be remains a director. He is also a life other Northern Premier League managerial changes, Sean Callabger, member of the Alliance League.
Mr Thompson has been taking formerly with Lancaster City and Workington, has taken over at Morecambe in place of Les Rigby, and Evan Sutherland, formerly with Lowestoft, Alfreton and Belper icgal advice and neither he nor Mr Nicholls would comment on the the transfer of the transfer o Town, succeeds Mick Davis at

The Isthmian League management committee have recommended the acceptance of 2! of the 33 clubs that have applied for membership next season. All the clubs have been told however, that they must carry out ground improvements before they can be accepted. Yeavil Town, of the Alliance

Coles.

John Connolly, who resigned as manager of Blyth Spartans in November, has been appointed manager of another Northern League club, Whitley Bay.

Wayne Biggins, the Matlock Town forward, has been sold for a four-figure fee to Burnley, who recently signed Kevin Giendon from another Northern Premier League club, Hyde United. Andy Feeley, a midfield player, has joined The 21 clubs accepted by the 1sthman League management committee are (Athenian League unics stated):
Burnues, Berdismosteed, Brackell.
Burnues, Berdismosteed, Brackell.
Chattert & Peter. Chercey, Edgware, Floot, Harefield, Harngey, Heybridge Swits (Essex. Sensor). Hoddeson, Marlow, Petersfield (Hampshre), Redhilf, Baffros Walder (Esstern Counbes), Stevenson Boroupt, United Countes), Thetriham. Wolverlon, Whylaidefe. Feeley, a midfield player, has joined Leicester City from Trowbridge Town, who will receive a small initial fee and £10,000 if the player England semi-professional squad for the annual four-nations tourna-ment to be held in Italy in June. makes more than 40 first team

Platini to stay

Turin (AFP) - Rumours that Michel Platini, the European leaving Juventus were ended vesterday when it was announced vesterday when it was announced here that he had signed a new two-

Nottingham Forest 3; Sheffield United 3; Everion 7; Second divisions Barnsley v Coventry City, postponted. POOTBALL COMBINATIONS Norwich City 6 Eristoi Rovers 0; Cusen's Park Rangers 1, Chelsas 0; Oxford United 2, Crystal Paisce 8.

FA TROPHY: First round: Bishop Auckland 1, Gundam 1. Second resent series (Auchland 1, Makingrou II, Very 11, Companier 4, SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Sections devision PS

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Bob Lord Trophly, 3rd reizhd, 1st leg: Scarborough 1, Frickley 0. RENTISH CUP: Belgian Armed Forces 1, British Armed Forces 2, UAU CHAMPPORSHIP: Senti-finals: Keels 2, Kent 2 (after extra time); Swanses 0, Leusthbernuch 2.

nighborough 2. MOOLS: Brantwood 0. Cambridge Univ

Fatons 6: Cardinal Vaughen 5, Campion 9: Chigwell 2. Enfeld GS 1: Dougl 6, Oratory 2: King Edward's Willey 2, Chinist A Hospital 2: ENGLISH SCHOOLS TROPHY: 7th round:

HANDBALL.

WORLD CHAMPIONSIMPS: C group (in hab-lady 25, Luxembourg 19 (at Caseste): Israel 2 Sacjam 21 (at Naples): Friend 64, Ireland 4, Scalari): Austrie 26, Fance tales 19 (in Rovareto): Turkey 25, Britain 15 (in Beassance): Bulgeria 20, Metherlands 20 (in

BADMINTON: The Scottish team

to meet Ireland in Lisburn on February 16 includes Alison Fulton

who, like Gillian Gilks, has had her

rows with the national squad

preparation for the women's team

Alex White, played in last night's

Sittard, but the number two,

Gordon Hamilton, has given way to

Johnson, Mixed doubles: Giffland/C Heatly.

ATHLETICS: An all-weather track

and field stadium, costing almost £250,000 is to be built at Tweedbank near Galasheils.

selectors. The match will be used as

The number one in men's singles,

by the Football Trust, who have £500,000 of grant money lying idle waiting for the FAW to nominate a national ground, the council have

national ground, the council have decided to set up yet another working party to examine the pros and cons of Ninian Park, home of Cardiff City and the Racecourse Ground where Wrexham play.

A six man sub-committee headed by the president, Selwyn Jankins and, significantly, including two North Wales representatives and two from the South are due to report by August on which of the two grounds is most saitable for development. If and when the full council accept their recommendations then the headquarters of the Football Association of Wales will be moved from its present premises in Fairy Road, Wrexham, to the ground.

West Bromwich Albion players face a stern confrontation with their manager. Ron Wylic, today after their 5-0 home defeat against Nottingham Forest on Wednesday.

"It's not my style to blast players in public, but I will have something strong to say when I see each of them face-to-face". Wylie, who

described his team's performance as

"disgusting", 'said. "I believe they want to play for me and I am certain I can pick them up on Saturday. It is essential we get our pride back because it is the last game before our

Wylie, who was barracked by a section of the crowd last night, added: "I sympathise with them, but whether their criticism is fair or

unfair is for the birds and bees.

To add to Wylie's problems
Cyrille Regis injured knee ligaments

against Forest and is doubtful for Saturday. But his fellow attacker, Garry Thompson, who was kicked on the head and received two

stitches in a cut lip, is expected to face Everton.

FA Cup fifth round tie Plymouth".

Not for the first time in their that the association would purchase history the Football Association of the ground from the football club Wales has ducked the issue. Pressed for, as he says, "We could not the ground from the football clab for, as he says, "We could not entertain the idea of being tenants of one of our members."

At present Border Breweries possess the freehold of the Racecourse Ground while Kenton

Utilities, an engineering company based in the North East, control Cardiff City and hold a 67-year lease on Ninian Park from Cardiff City Council.

Definitely ruled out, or at least as

definite as things can be in the FAW
is any future use either permanent
or on a one-off basis of the national rugby ground in Cardiff. The council were very firm on this decision. I understand that an outright vote to move lock stock and barrel to Ninian Park taken at Wednesday's eight hour council meeting was only defeated by 10 votes to nine with five abstentions! ground.

The implications, according to the FAW secretary, Alun Evans, are out and the managing director, Ron

Wylie face to face with

the lost pride of Albion

Jones said that so far as he could see there were no major problems. The state of the pitch at Ninian Park, which also caters for rugby league, has attracted a great deal of adverse criticism recently but according to Mr Jones this is easily resolved, "We would simply have to relocate the rugby code at a different venue". Cardiff City's current overdraft is

cardiff City's current overdraft is a relatively modest one, at around the £250,000 mark, but it is public knowledge that the Newcastle-based chairman and most of his board would not be unhappy to sell out and reap the benefits of a half a million pounds face lift that the FAW in conjunction with the Econbell Truet would undertake at Football Trust would undertake at Ninian Park should they decide to move south after 100 years of

Realistically the Racecourse Ground must be regarded as very much a second best alternative both

### Stein will set a loyalty test

The Scotland manager, Jock Stein, looks likely to be drawn into a conflict with the Scottish League following the decision to rearrange the dates of the League Cup semifinal between Aberdeen and Celtic.

The League have nominated February 29 for the second leg of the tie- the day after Scotland meet Wales in a British Championship match at Hampden Park.
Peter Desaid, assistant secretary
of the SFA, said that Aberdeen and ceitic, whose players form the excites of Sicia's aquad, will have to apply to the SFA if they want these released for the League Cop semi-

sem-inal round of the world indoor championship, sponsored by Emhassy, at Coutbridge yesterday. He beat a man who had been quietly fancied by many observers to appear in the final, Cliff Simpson, of England, 21-11, in a match of high skill that was closer than the cold details of the score indicate. final. But he stressed that it was then up to the SFA's international Sutherland knows the Coatbridge green intimately and he proved it once more. The surface is the same as it is at Simpson's home club at Hardepool. But Simpson, although he played well in spasms, usually on mittee to decide whether to let the long jacks, was always searching for his best form - and not often

finding it - after seeing an early 6-2

## lottenham centre-haif,

Graham Roberts, may have played himself into the England team for the forthcoming international against France with a sterling display in front of the national manager, Bobby Robson. Strong quick and rugged, he was at his committed best as Spurs defeated Sunderland 3—0 at White Hart Lane the players so. SCOTTESH CLIF: Revised fourtr round drawn Condesbeath or Dundee v Airdre or St Johnstone; Dundee Listind v Hearts; Cryde v Aberdees or Islamonoci, East Fife v Cellic; Idorbes v Dumbarten; Mothersell v Chydebank or Brechis; Headondank or St Mirren v Headles; irreverses Celedonies or String or Artrooth v Ranges.

### HOCKEY

### Late changes forced on three countries

By Sydney Friskin

scotland, west termany and the Netherlands have been forced to make late changes because of injury for the European indoor championship, sponsored by Glenfiddich, which starts today at the Meadowbank sports centre, Edinburgh. In Scotland's case the change is not crucial, Robin Plevin giving way to Brian Edwards. Both are from Murray International Metal.

Wylie: disgusted

too, have lost a valuable midfield schemer, Van't Hek and his place has been taken by Van Hout. From all appearances these two teams should bettle it out for the gold and The tournment ends on Sunday

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West Germany, the holders, have bronze medal.

The teams met last mouth in the Home Countries championship at the same venue when England, the eventual title winners were held to a 4-4 draw.

This might ordinarily make sense were it not for the fact that Prean was omitted from the first three places for the England squad for the European Championships in Mos-Hill capitalise on their corners they, too should have a chane of a medal. But both the Italians and the French cow in April. More anomalous still, that decision was made at the end of the Norwich Union English Open new computer rankings, upon which yesterday's seedings were based, were confirming the youngster from the Isle of Wight as the country's

### Chance for Midlands number two player. The seedings also confirm, therefore, that Prean's omission must have been made on something

Two Midland counties are in with a chance for the National County Championship being played this weekend at the Euro Sports Village, Ipswich. Leicestershire are the holders and therefore Warwickshire. the runners up in that territory, join the county champions of East, West, North and South to make the

numbers even in the finals. The teams play in two pools: A -eicestershire. Cheshire and Suffolk, B - Middlesex, Somerset and Warwickshire. Suffolk and Leices-

1983. On paper, Leicestershire have an impressive forward line of Woodvard, Gordon, Parker, Cheetham and Grimley. The first two were recently selected for England, Parker and Grimley are present and past England B players and Cheetham is the player with a deadly shot at a

back on the map after some disappointing results in the rectniterritorial matches.

Middleser, with the captian, Cannell, and five other players from Ealing and three from Winchmore Hill, completed with Parker Charles and Cantell and Cantell and Cantell Cantell

CRICKET

## Tavaré mysteriously omitted by England

He has served England well since being reluctantly pushed up the order, from his established No 3

Chris Tavaré was dropped from England's team for the third Test match which started at Eden Park here today. The new opening pair will be Fowler and Smith, the third combination in as many Tests. while Gower will take Tavare's key place at first alip.

order, from his established No 3 position, once Gooch and Beycott defected. He has missed nothing at first slip on this tour and taken several excellent catches. His absence will mean a further weakening of the England close field in comparison to New Zealand's. Withs would not be drawn on the final team. Foster is regarded as fully fit, although he had to limp into the New Zealand board dinner last evening. So much effort has some into preparing him this week Willis, the captain, in announcing the 12, who include the off spinner. Marks, admitted that it was a wrench to leave out Tavare. The's a proven Test match player who hasn't got soing on this tour. He's in very poor form and not in confident

mood".

The change is probably less of a surprise in England than in Auckland's sunshine. Tavare has reached double figures only three times in 12 first-class innings on this tour and only once in four Test innings. But his career average over 23 tests is 32, 19 and at a time when England, one would have thought, needed every ounce of experience needed every ounce of experience and concentration, his omission is a

### Australian players hold out

Sydney (AFP) - The Australian cricket team yesterday again refused to sign contracts for the five-Test tour of the West Indies which begins

tour of the West Indies which begins next week.

A fourth meeting between the players, the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) and sollcitors of both paries is expected to resolve the crisis in Melbourne today.

The Australian captain, Kim Hughes, said after yesterday's two-and-a-half hour meeting in Sydney.

"We have not beld a gun at the head of the Australian Cricket Board. The players want to play for the ACB. It

or the Australian Cricker Board. The players want to play for the ACB. It is not a matter of money. It is not compensation. It's the principle. The problem will be resolved one way or another in Melbourne tomorrow."

Although Hughes went to pains to say that there was no threat involved, observers were scenical. The players have made proposals for changes to the tour contract and if the ACB remain steadfast and refuse to agree to the changes then it seems inevitable that invitations to tour will be withdrawn from the players still determined not to sign

The main point of issue concerns a clause in the contract which commits the players to the end of May, 1985 which guaranteed the players money for marketing and promotional work as well as the tour of Australia by the West Indies next

The majority of players want their contracts to apply merely for the period of the four months including the tour of the West Indies. The ACB chairman, Fred Bennett, was optimistic yesterday but there was a stubborn attitude within the team. The wrangle has

By winning 14 of the 21 ends played, Sutherland was able to control the jack, and he bowled to his favourite shorter distance. He rarely if ever faltered. The initiative shifted inexorably away from



gone into preparing him this week that he is surely to play, which suggests that the last place lies between Marks or Gatting. The captain does not believe that the pitch will turn at any stage in the part five days.

next five days.

Hughes: "Not a matter of money

been going on for over a fortzight and looms as one of the worst crises the ACB have faced in recent years.

◆ KARACHI (Reuter) — Zaheer Abbas has been fined "a token" \$150 by the Pakistan Cricket Control Board (BCCP) for a breach of the players' code of conduct, a BCCp spokesman said yesterday. The fine is the result of an article by Zaheer which appeared in the Dawn newspaper last month saying the Pakistan team "performed like a bunch of nincompoops" on their topr of Australia.

Drumpellier bowler William McPate and Aberdeenshine wicket-keeper Jack Knight have been called

into Scotland's cricket squad for this year's Benson and Hedges Cup.

The squad's preparation begins with a training weekend at Invertiyde from March 30 to April 1 followed by two one day games against Worcester shire at Worcester on April 21 and 22 Their first Cup. on April 21 and 22. Their first Cup match is against Northants on May

SCHAD: A Brown (Liddingston), W A Donald (Episom), H G F Johnston (Liddingston), A S K Kar (Heriota FP), J Ker (Heriota FP), J D Nagrit (Aberdeenshire), W A McPate (Drump-Hein), D De Neel (Aberdeenshire), T B Racionary (Clydesdelle), R G Swan (Carton), C J Warner (Grange), R S Weir (Greenock)

### BOWLS

### Sutherland beats man fancied for the final

By Gordon Allan

Bob Sutherland, of Scotland, the Simpson, whose ability and battling defending champion, reached the sem-final round of the world indoor

in the match between the youngest competitor and the oldest, Nigel Smith, aged 19, who plays for the Andre club at Toiworth, Surrey, beat Tom Beattie, aged 62, a Scot, who lives in Guerosey, 21-8. Smith meets Willie Wood, the Common-wealth Games singles champion, in the quarter finals today.

Smith, who wins his first England cap next month, taid he had little sleep or breakfast before the match, but once on the green he forgot his anxieties. It was the first time he had played under the television lights. He always had the upper hand of Beattle, a Scottish international of the 1957 vintage. coring mainly in singles but collecting a four to stretch his lead to 10 shots near the end.

FIRST MOUND: W Wood (Scotland) D Brown (Carr) 15 (played on Wednesday); N Smith (Eng. 21, T Beattle (Guernsay) 8. SECOND ROUSID: R Suttentand (Scotl) 21, C Sempson (Eng) 11.

### ATHLETICS

### Britain's starlets aim for new heights

By Pat Butcher

A small, young but exciting team are being assembled for the European indoor championships in Gothenburg on March 3 and 4, with only the slightest criticism being reserved for the British Amateur Athletic Board selection policy. Jayne Christian, of Liverpool, after ther win over the world sprint champion, Marties Gohr, at Cosford last week, joins Beverley Kinch. Britain's World Student Games 100 metres champion, in the 60 metres at Gothenburg.

netres champion, in the 60 metres at Gothenburg.

Further additions to the team are Detrick Brown (long jump) and Lynn MacDougall (1,500 metres), winners in the match against the French last weekend; plus Simote Jacobs (200 metres) and Gooff Parsons (high jump). There are two further possibles in Ikan Billy, last year's European junior 800 metres champion, and Dave Lewis (3,000 metres). They are running in Los Angeles this weekend and if they achieve the qualifying times they will go to Gothenburg.

will go to Gothenburg.

None of these atheletes is over 22 years of age and in the absence from the British indoor scene of stars like Cram, Wells, Overt, Coe and Elifott, the youngsters have risen to the offer of team places with an offer of team places with an enthusiasm that their age demands. With Ade Male, the men's sprint revelation of the season, and the reemergent Sue Hearnshaw in the long jump, last year's championship tally of three silver medals, itself the

taily of three sover medals, used the best for four years, could be surpassed.

The groundswell of talent in the country has contradicted what originally looked like a more limited choice for the BAAB, but even so they preempted the choice of Eric McCalla and Aston Moore, who triple-jumped 16.86 metres and 16.75 metres last weekend, by nominating John Herbert last month on the strength of 16.33 metres, and leaving a place open for Keith Connor.

McCalla and Moore accept the vagaries of performance, and in fact, McCalla is inured as a result of last week's exertions, but both decided to drop plans for Gothenburg, when they were told that only two places

## Running a mile for £22,600 If ever athletes in a race - that

If ever athletes in a race - that most individuals of pursuits - had a reason for working as a team for NZSS0,000 (£22,600) must be as good as any. That is the sum being offered to Peter Etion, of Britain, John Walker, of New Zealand, and any other runner in a mile race at Wanganui, North Island, on February 25, if the winning time is under 3min 50sec.

The race is to be run on a cross

The race is to be run on a grass track, but that is not necessarily a deterrent, since it was at Wanganni that Peter Snell, the New Zealand triple Olympic gold medal winner, set his world mile record of 3:54.4 in 1967. She'll also achieved world 800 metres and 880 yards records on a

grass track. The question is whether Walker. the former world mile record holder and Olympic 1,500 metres cham-pion, and Elliott are up to that sort of time at this stage of the season.
Walker was the first man to break
3:50 in 1975, and his best time of

3:49.08 dated from two years ago. . Elliott is a novice at the distance. although his first serious attempt at 1,500 metres, in New Zealand two weeks ago, reduced his best by over 10 seconds to 3:38.84 the equivalent of around 3:55 for the mile. Sebastian Coe holds the current mile world record, with 3:47.33.

The prize money has caused some consternation in official quarters, since, theoretically, only "partici-pation money" is allowed by the International Amateur Athletic Federation, but New Zealand is one Federation, but New Zealand is one of three countries, with Italy and the United States, who have been given a dispensation by the IAAF for a grand prix circuit.

The prize, which has also been called "a gimmick" by British athletics officials, is the idea of Discussions.

Russell Sears, a New Zealand

## Prean can challenge Douglas's record

Carl Prean, the 16-year-old who lifted his boycott of the plastic ball for next month's Norwich Union English Closed Championships at Bletchley, has been seeded number two in the draw made yesterday, and is, therefore, presumably seconded as the player most likely to other than playing criteria. When asked if it had been made upon political criteria, Peter Charters, the with Prean's boycott of the plastic regarded as the player most likely to stop Desmond Douglas achieving the all-time record of seven titles. But this may, in a sense, have been true, but unfortunately a

boycott of an event like the English Open also involves a boycott on a team event — and that technically means a refusal to play for England. Some of the selectors are now known to have regarded that as a

It would, though, be a far sadder state of affairs if because of all this Prean does not find his way into the Prean does not find his way into the last two places to be announced after the Closed Championship. Douglas, who atrongly supports Prean's view on plastic balls, has also expressed the opinion that there should be no grudges and that on merit Prean should definitely be selected.

If it is to depend upon forthcoming results then the outcome may be problematic. Prean is likely to have the hardest possible semi-final, against Graham Sandley, the number three who came in so effectively in England's European League Team and who already the comfort of knowing he has been selected for the European Chammonships as well. pronships as well, SEEDINGS: Merc 1, D Douglas: 2, C Prear; 3, G Sandley: A Cooke; 5, S Ambrey; 6, P Bradbury; 7, J Hillon; 8, K Jackson, Women; 1, K Wat; 2, L Bellingar; 3, J Grundy; 4, A Gordon.

Budapest (Reuter) - The former world champion, Tibor Klampar of Hungary, has been suspended for one year by his club, Budapest Spartacus, for indiscipline, The club have asked the Hungarian attorn to bar him from all events at home and abroad after he played in a paid exhibition match near Budapest rather than the Hungarian national championships. He withdrew from the championships with YACHTING

RUGBY LEAGUE

## Widnes on defensive

When the Great Britain team to play France next Friday was

announced, only one Widnes player,

John Basnett, was included out of

10 Widnes players in the 41-strong

squad. The explanation given by Myler, the coach, was that only Basnett of the 10 turned up for

Treeday night training.
The Widnes coaching staff, mindful of the Challenge Cup first-round ties this weekend, had

instructed the players to train at Naughton Park rather than with the

made it clear that the nine Widnes players who failed to arrive forfeited Widnes officials yesterday took up defensive positions in the club-versus-country dispute which has resulted in a summons to appear their chances of playing against refore the management committee

At Naughton Park yesterday the Widnes general manager, Ronnis Close, was anxious not to say too much before the management committee hearing but he made it clear that the Widnes coaches, Vince Karalius and Harry Dawson,

wanted a full training period for Sunday's cup tie with Dewsbury.

They had applied verbally to the Rugby League for permission to withdraw their players from Great Britain training. This was refused. Close said there were absentees from training and yet Widnes seemed to have been singled

**Hunter Group** to sponsor races

By John Nicholls

This season's series for the Solent points championship will be co-ordinated by the Royal London Yacht Club of Cowes, and will be sponsored by the Hunting Group of companies under a new five year agreement. The series of 13 races, commences on April 28 and finishes

As well as the usual classes based on International Offshore Rule (IOR) ratings, there will be two additional classes this year, using the Channel bandicap system. This entails a simpler and cheaper means of measurement than the IOR and is intended to encourage owners who would otherwise not race.

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FOR THE RECORD

FIRST DIVISION: Total ham 3, Sunderland 0; West Bromwich 0, Notingham Forest 5. FOURTH DIVISION: Chester D, Swindon 3.

@ Telford United have five players

SCOTTISM CUP: Second round, second replay: Arbroeth 1, Saring Abion 2. Third round: Crydebank 0, Brechar Cty 0; Cowdenbach 0, Dundes 2. Third round, second replay: Mesdowbank 1, St. Mirren 2. Postponed: Altrieonians v St. Johnstone (Monday) Abendeen v Kitmarminock (Monday). SCOTTISM SECOND DIVISION: Dunfermins 1, Montrone 1. WELSH CUP: First round: Barry Town 1, Swanses Cdy 1; Kidderminster 1, Shrawsbury NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Mossiey 2, INTERNATIONAL: Algene 1, Romania 1 (in

Agiers).
TALIAN CUP: Fifth round first leg: Juventus 1,
Ban 2: Aveilino 1, Verone 0; Cesana 1,
Fiorentina 1, AS Roma 2, Reggians 0;
Sampdoris 1, AScoli 0; Triestes 0, Udine 0; Sampdoria 1, Ascoli 0; Triestria 0, Udina 0; Vanse 1, Torino 0. CENTRAL, LEAGUE: First division: Aston Wils 1, Blackburn 0; Botton Wanderers 2,

BASKETBALL

MATIONAL ASSOCIATION: Milwaukae Bucks 113, New York Knicks 103; Chicago Bulks 114, New Jersey Nets 119; Philadelphie 76era 118. Houston Rockets 107; Cleveland Cavaliers 119, Golden State Warriors 108; Los Angeles Lakers 111, Boston Cellics 109; Kansas Cay Kings 118, San Amonio Spurt 110; Oelles Mayancks 120, Dermer Nuggets 114; Portland Tral Blazers 114, San Diego Cippers 105. ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Westington Capitals 6. Calgary Flames 1: Burtalo Sabres 6. Pittaburgh Penguns 5: Toranto Maple Leafs 6, Boston Brums 4: Yeaw York Rangers 2, Minnipeg Jets 1: Los Angeles Kings 1, Chicago Black Hawks SNOOKER

TENNIS 

BATLEY: Yamaha International Mesters tournament: qualifying rounds: C Roacce bt J Johnson, 2-0: D French bt Johnson 2-0; French bt Roacce, 2-0. French qualifies.

MEMPHIS: US national indoor championships: Second round (US unless stated): P Florring bt S Scanlon, 6-4, 6-4, W Fishk Mt H Sundshoom (Swe), 8-3, 6-1: E Tehscher bt V Arritraj (India), 8-3, 6-2: K Curren (SA) bt S Gilckstein (Is-7, 6-4, 6-4; R Knehnan (India) bt V Geruriolis, 7-5, 6-4; B Testerman bt M Purcek, 6-4, 6-4; Tut Guittison bt Y Noah (Fra), 7-5, 6-4.

### **TODAY'S FIXTURES**

FOOTBALL Kick-off 7.30 unless stated Third division

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BOWLS **TENNIS** 

# CYCLING

### Moser out to make amends

From John Wilcocknon

For the regular members of the winter racing season, the Paris Six-day that ended late Wednesday night in victory for Gert Frank, of Denmark, and Bernard Vallet, of rance, meant more than just cycling, and the Paris Six was the keystone to European track racing until the demolition 25 years ago of its spiritual home, the Vel' d' Hiv

In the newly opened Palais
Omnisport de Paris-Bercy a
modern sports edifice built in the
style of the Aztecs - the 36 competitors in the thirty-sixth Paris Six proved that today's racers are perhaps faster, and just as entertain-ing as the heroes of the past.

The race was brought to an exciting conclusion by an old fashioned 100-minute team race. A full house enjoyed the perseverance of Francesco Moser, of Italy, in his repeated attacking efforts, an spectacular sprints of Frank, the senior partner of the winning combination. But the patriotic world championships later this year. The number one in men's singles,

match against the Netherlands in of Mountains title in the 1982 Tour de France.
The Frenchman's win was mainly Ken Middlemiss for the fixture in due to the connivance of several specialist track riders, including Oersted, of Denmark, Kristen of West Germany and Britain's Tony

it was a memorable race in a

season that comes to a conclusion

with the Milan Six-day, that begins

tomorrow. After his setback in Paris, Moser will be anxious to

reestablish, his slightly tarnished reputation.

Doyle, also, will be hoping for a better result after nursing the Irishman Stephen Roche to an eventual tenth place on Wednesday Result: 1, B Vallet (Fr) and G Frank (Den) 228 pts; 2, F Moser (ft) and D Trurau (WG) 258; 3, ist one top) S Tourne and E Develop (Bel) 339; 4, att 6 Result A Bendus (Fr) and G Braun (WG) 218; 5, M Eldinost (ii) and D Gisinger (Switz) 98; 5, G Sargard and M Sincolette (ff) 56; Other Alaches, 11 de 118 level) S Roche (finland) and A

West Germany, the holders, have lost Hanel, a resourceful midfield player. In his place come Michael Peter, one of the shrewdest compainers of his time, both indoors and outdoors. The Dutch,

international success was the King

tershire are the only two who competed last year and both have played in the finals several times. Suffolk won in 1982 and Leicester in

penalty stroke. Warwickshire have a useful half back line in the two internationals.

(Sutton), and Maloney (Sutton) Since the start of the season this team has dropped Fleroming (Rugby) and promoted Harvey (Olton) as a back. The responsibility for goals will rest largely on the sticks of Scon-Miller (Hampton in Arden) and the captain, Fiddes Cheshire, the North's champions have good team work and Dudley,

the England B player from Chester, could cause some surprises but Suffolk, playing at home with Bray a constant danger to opposing defences, will not miss any opportunities.
Somerser, including the West's captin Franks (Cwmbran), will make every effort to put the West

(Slough) and Stother (Eastcote), make a strong united team in which Harding will be a danger on the By Michael Seely

The Harry Bardsley and Billy Newnes case has highlighted the importance of the dispute between the Horserace Betting Levy Board and the bookmakers which is now before the Home Secretary for adjudication. The board are seeking an increase in levy rates, not only to keep prize money stable but to ensure that there is no further ensure that there is no further cutback in the integrity services and

In the 22nd levy scheme which is now in operation, a reduction of seven per cent was agreed between the Levy Board and the bookmakers because of forecasts of declining turnover and profitability. The Levy Board considered these forecasts to be too pessimistic and that there was evidence of an underlying upward trend in turnover and a possibility in increased profitability

in 1983.

The half-yearly reports from Ladbrokes and William Hill supported the Levy Board's opinion. For the six months ending July 1983, Ladbrokes showed a 20 per cent increase in profits compared to the same period in 1982, with betting heading the trading recovery. Hill's profits rose from £2.8m to £8.7m for the corresponding periods, corresponding periods.

Neither side will comment at the

Neither side will comment at the moment as the matter is subjudice. The Home Secretary's decision is expected before the end of next week. However, the Levy Boards's rase has already been stated. They have already made significant expenditure reductions, including prize money, and loans for raccourse improvements have also

It is also considered that there i an urgent need for the application of additional resources for the protec-tion of the integrity of racing. Other areas which need linancial assistance are veterinary science and and and victorial improvements on racecourses, particularly to improve safety standards, and the British Racing School.

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The bookmakers' argument is that Ladbrokes and Hills are not necessarily representative of the industry as a whole. They would also argue that these profits were made partly because of increased efficiency and partly because of the freak weather last spring which

Their main case, however, lies in the fact that the levy is based on turnover and not on profitability. the region of one per cent. The bookmakers therefore see no reason why the levy should be increased to the extent demanded.

However, no one can possibly deny that racing was badly hit by the recession. Bookmakers are now reaping the benefits of the economic recovery and it only seems equitable that they should share part of these benefits with the industry from which they derive their livelihood.

Top sire sold

Halo. leading sire in the United States in 1983 with 45 winners of 84 races worth \$2,739,270 (£1.9m), has been sold to a group from Texas headed by Tom Tatham and Ben Morris for \$36m.

Going: chase, good; hurdles, good to soft

2.0 THATCHAM CHASE (£2,763: 2m 4f) (8)

Tote: double 2.30, 3.30. Treble 2.0, 3.0, 4.0

Newbury

1.30 ALDERMASTON CHASE (novices: £2,087: 2m 160yd) (15 runners)

9-4 Romany Count, 5-2 Golden Tribs, 5 Captein Dynamics, 8 Gallies, 10 Stacceto, 12 Gemb Prince, 14 Benny's Boy, 20 Ivory Thrust.

3.0 HARWELL CHASE (handicap: £3,023: 3m) (16)

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RACING: COLIN BROWN MISSES SCHWEPPES RIDE ON BUCKBE AFTER WINCANTON FALL

Wincanton winners: Richard Linley and Fifty Dollars More

## Hill of Slane to underline Burrough Hill Lad's rise

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

Hill of Slane can underline Barrough Hill Lad's chance in the Cheltenham Gold Cup next month by winning the Harwell Handicap Chase at Newbury today. At Sandown last Saturday Burrough Hill gave Hill of Slane 171bs and a 19 length hiding in the Gains-

rough Chase. Nevertheless, Hill of Slane will be hard to beat off today's mark, even allowing for the fact that the opposition includes such doughty individuals as Straight Jocelyn, who has run so well at Newbury before, Mid Day Gun, Musso and King Ba

Gold Trophy in mind it wil be interesting to see how Prideaux Boy runs in the Haig Whisky Novices' Hurdle (Qualifier) for it was this six-year-old who gave supporters of Admiral's Cup, a live Schweppes hope, the fright of their lives at

Ascot in December.

John Francome remains adamant that Admiral's Cup was not at his best that day but Prideaux Boy still surpassed himself by flaishing in front of Permabos, Robin Wonder, Alastor O Mayros, Great Light and

Sula Bula. He must stand an excellent chance of winning today against smaller fry. With Son of a Gunner, States-

manship. Childown. Comedy Fair, Easter Lee and Oregon Trail all standing their ground, the Stroud Green Hurdle should shed some much-needed light upon the Triumph Hurdle which looks even more open than usual this season. The pity is that Pacifiste was withdrawn at the eleventh hour. In with Statesmanship whose running the Triumph Hurdle Trial at the friumph Hurdle frai at the Cheltenham in December was a shadow of his fine performance at Ascot a month before. I remain unconvinced that Childown is good enough to win the four-year-old championships at Cheltenham even though be has won at Kempton and Sandown. Son of a Gunner faces much stiffer opposition than he much stiffer opposition than he incountered at either Taunton or

Michael Dickinson has interest-ing runners at Uttoxeter and Ayr. Robert . Earnshaw will be at

Chase, her first race over fences, Dickinson's novices have a habit of winning at the first attempt and Sea Spice receives a stone from West Tip and Hy-ko. Much as I admire West Tip: an out-and-out stayer, prove beyond him.

This is the horse who had the misfortune to come up against Forgive N' Forget on important occasions at Cheltenham last March occasions at Chellenham last March and Wetherby on Boxing Day. Disappointing though it was to see Forgive N' Forget fall to fulfil that early promise at Ascot on Wednesday, Brunton Park should still manage to brush his opponents aside this afternoon.

Fine Sun, a good horse on the Fine, makes his long-awaited debut under National Hunt rules in the second division of the Lagg Novices Hurdle. Unless something goes drastically wrong it is impossible to envisage him being

Sea Spice in the Field Novices'

Graham Bradley goes to Ayr primarily to ride Brunton Park in the Marchburn Novices' Chase.

Uttoxeter to partner that good mare 408 NOTES (D) ' (Dr R Brimblecombe) N Henderson 9-10-0 POXBURY (D) (5 Richards) Mrs C Richards 10-10-0 CEMELER (P Beopley) (Did 5-10-0 POLAR EXPRESS (CD) (T Ring) W King 9-10-0 4 HEF Of Stane, 5 Museo, 6 Systight Jocaton, Tacroy, 8 King Be Be, 10 Mid Day Gue, Late Night Extra, 12 Special Cargo, 14 Browny Bank, 16 Secretary General, 23 others.

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3 Mars Falcon, 190-31 Centre Attraction, 5 Dick 'E' Bear, 7 Always Hopeful, 8 Saver Season, felsh Diamond, 12 First Knowe, 14 others.

# By Michael Phillips 1.30 Bright Oassis. 2.0 Golden Trix. 2.30 Statesmanship. 3.0 Hill Of Slane. 3.30 Prideaux Boy. 4.0 Master Carl. 3.15 DOONHOLM CHASE (novice handicap: £1,395: 2m 4f) (11) POZ.-I-MORE (CD) (Mrs M Nebols) K Obver 7-18-7 CORNERING (CM) (Mrs M Nebol) K Obver 7-18-7 CORNERING (A Watson) M H Easterby 8-11-10 GREEN MEMBLE (K W Lokey) J Charlton 8-17-5 BOARDWANS SPECIAL (Major J Rubin) C H Bell 19-11-4 STARMASE (H Watson) G Hachards 9-11-2 STARMASE (Major Major J Rubin) C H Bell 19-11-4 STARMASE (Major Major Major Major 19-12 STARMASE (Major Major Major ) Mrs Starphineson 5-10 STARMASE (Major Major ) Mrs Major Major

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19	POQU2F/	SLASHER (Mrs G Fairbairn) G Fairbairn 10-11-2	
27	P0-P0/2	VENTURER (J. Jafferson) J. Jafferson 7-11-2	^B
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Ayr selections 1.45 Chetel. 2.15 Hope Of Oak. 2.45 Black Falcon. 3.15 Villierstown. 3.45 Brunton Park. 4.15 Fine Sun.

## Browne's bad break on day of drama

Huntingdon yesterday. The sleepy little Cambridgeshire course can rarely have witnessed such a series of dramus, beginning with an extraordinary turn of events which left Dermot Browne, the champion amateur jockey, with a broken coller bone in the day's feature race, the Sidney Banks Memorial Hurdle.

Browne's Gazette, winner of his three Brevious races by street lengths, started 2-1 on and when Browne sent the six-year-old cruising into the lead from Homeofa after the second last, it seemed merely a question of how great the winning margin would be. se resembled a speciator a

Wimbledon as he looked left and right continually for non-existent dangers and even though The Pawn had made up an enormous amount of ground in he is close third at the last, Browne had not yet asked for a serious effort from his mount as they took the final landle two lengths

ahead.

Perhaps Browne's Gazette was going too easily but, whatever the reason, although he jumped the flight perfectly, he crumpled on landing and gave Browne a crasking fall. If Hywel Davies, who was riding The Pawn, thought it was his incky day, he could hardly have believe his eyes when Homeoia capsized almost simultaneously. So Davies, who had himself been the victim of a cruel piece of misfortune victim of a cruel piece of misfortune when brought down by a loose horse when well ahead on Ayad at Ludlow the previous day, was presented with a gift-wrapped victory to add to his prodigious 1984 tally.

Davies said afterwards that The Pawn, who apparently lost several lengths is some scrimmaging on the home turn, would have won anyway. Mick Ryan, The Pawn's trainer, thought so too and is looking forward to running the house in the Philip Cornes Final at Newbury poet month.

Browne, however, confirmed what 99 per cent of onlookers must have felt when he said that he had only been cantering on Bro and Cambon And the poor fellow's agency must have been made considerably worse by the fact that his father Llam, the by the fact that his father Liam, the Irisk trainer, and his mother were on holiday over here and had come to watch him yesterday. Not only that, but another pained spectator was a certain Michael Dickinson, the horse's trainer, paying one of his rare visits to a racecourse.

Dickinson confirmed that Browne's Gazette, who still looks a candidate for top homours, was none the worse for his fall and also said that Wayward Lad would quite

that Wayward Lad would quite possibly be the only one of his five entries to take on Brown Chamber-ita at Newbury on Satorday. Browne's Gazette was one of six

favourites beaten during the after-soon and in the two subsequent

soon and in the two subsequent races punturs were parted from their money with almost equally sadistic strokes of fortune.

The odds-on Greenwood Lad was going like a certain winner when he fell three fences from home in the Tote Steeplechase. This left the second favourite, Kathles Lad well clear of Henry Kissinger, the outsider of the three runners, who appeared to have blundered away his chance at the second last fence. However, Paul Barton had other past Kathles Lad is the dying

In the hunter chase Roudhead also odds-on, looked even more of a certainty as he took the last several However, Margaret Wilson found her horse anddenly treading water on the flat and Phillip Hewitt poked

Finally, as if to rub salt in th backers' wounds, John O'Neill rode Mend It to victory at 16-1 in the Long Stanton Hurdle. Those who were arethering darkly about the fact that O'Neill's name had not appeared must to the horse in The Sporting Life got it all wreng, however. O'Neill had been booked by Neville Bycroft, the trainer, the previous afternoon and the fact bad

### Owner keen to try for Gold Cup

Fifty Dollars More, will join! Brown Chamberlin and Observe in Fred Winter's three-lawse challenge for the Cheltenham Gold Cap. After yesterlay's perfect preparatory race in the Wincaston Challenge Cup. Long odds-on to best five inferior rivals, he passed Mood Music at the second last to win by seven lengths.
Fifty Dollars More carries the colours of jumping's leading owner, Shalkh Ali Abu Khamsin, who also has Gaye Brief, hot favourite for the Champion Hurdle. Winter said: "I asked the Shalkh the other day if be asked the Sankh the other day it be really wanted to go for the Gold Cup and he said 'yes'. Fifty Dollars More is a good house at 2½ salles. We don't really know that he gets 3½ miles but if the ground is good I think there is a reasonable chance he'll get it. If it's soft, I think he'll not start the he'll. get stuck in it."

was taken to hospital with concession and automatically stands

down for seven days, so missing the

Schwepps Gold Trophy.

get stack in it."

Winter confirmed that Brown Chamberlin, Francome's fikely Cheltenham ride, will take on Wayward Lad at Newbary tomorrow. However, Observe misses Windsor next week and will probably not run again before Cheltenham. "Observe has an infection and has coure out in a few spots. It's mot serious but the vet has 30 GLATTON HURCLE (selling: £1,418; 2m P Chariton (11-2) 1
P Berton (12-1) 2
P Scudemore(5-1) 2 Chaist Waldegs P Berron (12-1) 2 Sir Givenchy P Soudamore(5-1) 3 TOTE Wire 28.60, Pieces: 22.00, 23.10, 22.60, DP: 2132.10, CSP: 280.35, E Carter at Matton, 4, St. Saretta Plastica (33-1) 4th, Terante (7-2 lay), 23 ren. NP: Pheingold's Gift. Bought in 3,000 gns. spots. It's not serious but the vet has put him on autibiotics for three days and after that I can't run him for a 2.0 WHITTLESEY CHASE (Handicup: £1,818: 2m 100yd)

fortnight."
Village Mark, pulled-up when favourite at Stratford last Saturday, finished in great style to win the Dick Woodhouse Hunters Chase by A Webber (33-1) 3 TOTE: Whr: \$8.50, Planes: \$2.70, £1.80, \$5.00, \$09, £19.40, \$389, \$59.56, Tricast: £1,540.51, J Spearing at Alcestar. 11, nk. Launder Blue (10.1) 4th, Barrier Reed (5-4 tev). 13 ran. four lengths from Crawford Cross and Jimmy's Cottage. Only six of the 20 starters completed the course. Dalbury put up a good performance under top weight in the Gillingham Handicap Hardle, taking command between the last two ing command between the last two flights for a convincing four-length victory over Park Rainbow. It was not Francosse's day as he finished second on all three of his rides. Colin Brows was disputing the lend on Man In The Middle when he came down at the second last. Brown are the properties to be the properties of th TUTE: Wire 25.50, Places: \$1.70, E4.50, \$1.40, OP: \$28.50, CSF: \$56.45, M Ryan at Nowmander, St. 8. Petrocell (100-1) 4th. Brownes Gazette (1-2 biv), 15 ran. 3.3 TOTE CHASE (Limited Handleap: \$2,706: 2m 40

# Rapid climb to success

Young trainer soon to join Epsom's historic ranks

for high-flying Jenkins

Back in August, when blue skies and soorched grass welcomed West Country holidaymakers to the launch of a new National Hunt season, there was a scarcity of runners with stables reluctant to risk their charges on brick-hard going. Gradually, the top trainbers dipped their big toes in to test the water's temperature only to find John Jenkins, the Sussex trainer, already fully submerged, swimming with the tide. He soon established an early lead in the

trainers' race and by Christmas had saddled 35 winners. It needed four Boxing Day winners by Michael Dickinson, the champion trainer, to overtake him. It was a remarkable achievement for a small stable and one that did not pass unnoticed. Peter Jones, in Trainers Record. commented: "No trainer has made such rapid progress in recent seasons as John Jenkins".

Now in his fifth season training, Jenkins, aged 36, is shortly moving from his Lower Beeding stables, just ourside Horsham, to take over the Woodcole Stud at Epsom, formerly owned by Sir Freddie Laker.

### Marvellous place

"The move should be completed by the beginning of March", Jenkins said. "I can't wait to move in. It will be a marvellous place to train. The facilities are super. There are two yards, set in 75 acres and I plan to have an all-weather

Jenkins, with curly hair and boyish looks, is a young man who can match his ambition with ability. A flurry of recent winners leaves him needing only two to equal his best score of 42,

He credits a great deal of his success to John Francome who agreed to ride for him this season as a second retainer after Fred Winter. "There is no doubt that John has won me some races other jockeys would not have done", the trainer

Jenkins has a Welsh background and spent his early years at Neath. He was 12 when his father (short for Renfield) moved to Arundel as head lad to Gordon Smyth, and later, John Dunlop. Apprenticed to Smyth, it was soon obvious that young Jenkins was too heavy for the Flat and he switched to National Hunt racing. In 11 seasons as a jockey he rode 77

One of his big disappointments came at Ascot in 1969 when he timed his run to perfection to win the Valley Gardens Opportunity Hurdle on an old favourite, Pinehurst Park. Unfortunately, the starter's timing was less perfect. He had despatched the runners three minutes early, so the race, and all bets, were declared void.

Two of the best horses Jenkins rode were Arboretum and Given, who was passed on to him when he began training at the outset of the 1979-80 season. This versatile campaigner gave him a flying start with four quick victories.

### Right opportunity

Looking back on his riding days, based in the south-east, Jenkins said: "Too often when I was riding, particularly for small stables, I would put a horse in the race with a winning chance and he would blow up because he wasn't properly fit. You tell the connexions to run him again quickly, but they hesitate, believing they are being hard on the horse, so the chance is lost,

"A horse will stand a hard race, and come back for more, if he is fit and well. Too many horses go wrong because they are asked to do too much before they reach peak condition."

Now Jenkins is bringing into play all the experience he gained as a rider and his horses seldom fail on the score of fitness. He is also prepared, unlike some complacent trainers, to

travel extensively to find the right opportunity

Going: soft



Jenkins: ability to match his ambition

for a moderate animal. "I'm quite happy sending a selling plater all the way to Ludlow if I think he

Jenkins is reticent about the stable's gambling exploits, but he has gone on record as saying: "It is better to have the reputation of running a betting stable than not having a reputation at

One reward for his success is that he is now being offered a better class of horse to train. Ideally he would like to have 35 quality horses at Epsom and with that aim will be busy at the

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### Disappointing run

who recommended Paris North as a potential hurdler and at 23,000 guineas he is his most expensive purchase to date. The four-year-old grey looked worth every penny after sparkling victories at Newbury and Lingfield, but mystified his trainer when pulled up in the Steel Plate Trial at Cheltenham early in January.

"We still do not know what was wrong with him that day. He's fine now, so I am starting from scratch again. He's having a nice rest, and then I'll find a suitable race for him before deciding about the Triumph.

Jenkins is hopeful that Great Light despite his disappointing Kempton run, will give a good show in the Schweppes Gold Trophy at Newbury and passed on the tip: "Watch out for him later in novice chases. He will make their ali go."

The trainer also, has a high regard for Rhythmic Pastimes, who like Great Light, was trained on the Flat by Robert Williams at Newmarket. With Kyoto and Paris North, he helped Jenkins to his first treble, when scoring atthe first time of asking at Leicester in November. Jenkins said: "He is still maturing and will make a decent staying hurdler new

John Jenkins has one ambition in National: possible - and if his past record is anything to go by Epsom has acquired a valuable recruit to their historic ranks.

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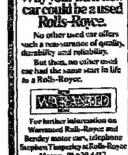
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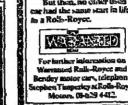
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6.30 Breakfast Time: with Frank Bough and Fem Britton The Friday "specials" include pop news (beween 7.45 and 8.00), and Glynn Christian's food and cooking feature (8.30-9.00). The regular items include news at 6.30, then half-hourly until 8.30; sport (6.40 and 8.40). TV Choice (6.55), Morning papers (7.18 and 8.18) and Your Stars (8.33).

9.00 My Music: Steve Racs tests the musical knowledge of Denis Norden and lan Walla and Frank Muir and John Amia (r): 9.25 Ceefax pages. 0.20 Play Ideas. 10.30 Play School.

0.55 Olympic Grandstand. Live coverage from Sarajevo. 2.30 News After Noom with

Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale: 12.57 Financial Report and sub-titled 1.00 Pebble Will at One: Chat, and sic, from the foyer-studio;

1.45 Bagpuss. 2.00 Olympic Grandstand: The Ice Dance Championship, from Sarajevo, Torvill and Dean begin their quest for Olympic gold. Highlights of the opening three compulsory dances can be seen later this evening (6.40), plus coverage of the short programme section of the Pairs Skating Championship (Susan Garland

hockey (see also 10.52 tonicht) tonight). 3.55 Play School: It's Friday; 4.20 The Adventures of Tin Tim: cartoon, from France (r): 4.25 Tottle - The Story of a Doll's House, Final part of this animated version of the Rumer

and lan Jenkins compete for

Britain). The day's action also

includes the opening rounds of the two-man bobsleigh and ice

Godden story. 4.40 Wildtrack: A film about wild mink, shot by 17-year-old naturalist Jonathan Fieldhouse. Also the tough stoat; and the lead poisoning danger to swans. 5.05 Grange Hilt: A fight is arranged, at a warehouse; 5.35 The

5.40 Sixty Minutes. The line-up is: news (5.40), weather (5.54), regional magazines (5.55) and closing headlines (6.38). 5.40 Olympic Grandstand: Further live coverage of the Ice Dance

Chempionship. Plus coverage of the Bobsleigh event. 7.30 The Superteams: The final of the Townsend Thoresen Superteams Championship. The defending champions, Rugby Union, versus the

8.29 Sharon and Elsie: A Round Table meeting puts paid to Elsie's (Brigit Forsyth) plan to spend a romantic evening at home with her husband. Sharon (Janette Beverley) is frightened by two crash-helmeted figures. 3.50 Points of View: With Barry

1.60 News: with John Humphrys. 3.25 Remington Steels: Laura and Remington find themselves in hired to find a missing gem worth two million dollars.

1.15 The Further Adventures of

Lucky Jim: with Enn Reitel as Kingsley Amis's unfortunate hero (r). 10.45 News. 1.58 Olympic Grandstand: The Pairs Figure Skating Championship - the Short Programme.

1.15 Film: Puzzle of a Downfell Child (1970). Fact and fantasy get hopelessly mixed as fashion model (Fay Duns sky mixed as a recovering from a mental breakdown, looks back on her life so that a film can be made about her. With Barry Primus.

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6.25 Good Morning Britain: with Nick Owen. Anne Diamond. The Friday "specials" include consumer advice (6.40, 9.05), Jeremy Beadle (7.05, 8.05). Postbag (7.50), Fantasy Time (8.10), Holiday spot (8.20), Veekend TV (8.35) and Diana Dors (8.45), Regular its include news (6.30, then half-hourly until 9.00), sport (6.35, 7.35), Mad Lizzle (6.50, 9,15) and Guest of the Day (7.40).

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9.25 Thames News Headlines; 9.30 For Schools (until 12.00). 9.30 Brain power; 9.47 How We Used to Live; 10.09 Good Health (exercise, rest, sleep); 10.25 Spreading their Wings; 10.45 A Fair Wage; 11.05 The Night Swimmers (3): 11.22 Nahanni: a story: 11.39 il Duce Mussoli

12.00 Jamie and the Magic Torch: for the toddlers (r): 12.10 Rainbow (repeated at 4.00) 12.30 Survivat Riddle of the Lake. The origin of the unequalled variety of fish in Lake Malawi (r).

1.00 News at One; 1.20, Thames area news; 1.30 About Britains Just Keep Practising, World pipe band championship, 1973, in Bellahouston Park, Glasgow. 2.00 Just our Luck: Cornedy series about a weather man and a genie: 2.30 Falcon Crest: Chase says he has evidence of Carlo Agretti's blackmailing of Richard (r); 3.30 Sons and Daughters: A turning point in David's and John's relationship.

4.00 Children's ITV: Rainbow (r): 4.20 Batfink: Cartoon; 4.25 Sooty: a case of loss of memory; 4.50 Freetime: Ballet bottles, bikes and Valentines. 5.15 The Young Doctors. 5.45 News. 6.00 The Six o'clock Show: News stories of the

lighter sort. 7.00 The Zodiac Game: Astrological fun, with Tom O'Connor as MC, and guest celebrities Graeme Gar Kenny Lynch, Eye Pollard, and Barbara Windsor. 7.39 The A Team: Another

adventure starring the former Vietnam fighters turned soldiers of fortune. 8.30 A Fine Romance: Mike (Michael Williams) decides to

with Laura (Judi Dench) once and for all. (See Choice). 9.00 Auf Wiederschen, Pet: The final episode of this comedy series about Geordie "brickes" working in West Germany. Tonight, a number of the lads have to make important decisions about their futures. Oz, for example (Jimmy Naif) is keen to stay on - but not by himself. And Dennis (Tim Healy) is torn

clarify his on-off relationship

between Dagmar and his wife who has now ended her relationship with her lover. 18.00 News at Ten. And London News Headlines.

10.30 The London Programme: is London's last major industrial manufacturer, the Ford Motor Company, likely to pack its bags and leave Dagenham/ Tonight's edition of the current what has been happening to the car industry in Europe, and what the likely repercuss will be or the South-East of

England. 11.00 Bosom Buddies: Amy's job in the advertising agency comes to an end. 11.30 Pylemarame: with John

Hegley and the Politicians, and comedy entertainers Mark Steel and Heten Leaderer. Final programme in this "new faces" series. Some of the acts have been excrutiatingly

12.15 Bizane: Comedy series, with John Byner. Followed by Canon Peter Challen's Night FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m: VHF -90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz 1500m: VHF -92-95; LBC 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m: VHF 95.8; BBC Radio London 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; World

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10.38 Pages from Ceafax;

12.30 Micros in the Classroom; 12.55 Speak for

1.20 Pages from Ceefax; 1.38

Around Scotland (hospital); 2.01 The Kids are OK; 2.30

making students in action).

2.50 World Bowls: Live coverage of the last quarter-final of the Embassy World Indoor

Championship. Tonight: highlights, plus the first semi-final (see 11.20pm entry).

5.30 Weekend Outlook: Open

University trailers.

5.35 News summary: with sub-

5.40 Film: Murder at the Gallon

(1963") One of Agatha Christie's Miss Marple

mysteries, in which the

rateur sleuth (Margaret

when a wealthy cat-loving recluse is trightened to dea

6.55 Zee: Award-winning, National

7.05 ORS 84: Live music from

plus star quests.

before the coup.

some tending.

9.25 Whickerl Alan Whicker

10.05 Cricket: Third Test. England

11.20 World Bowler First semi-final of the Embassy World Indoor Championship and highlights

17.55 Whietle Test: with Billy Bragg.

Steve Nieve and the Boomtown Rats. Ends at

from the last of the cuarter-

10.35 Newspiohl: building and

analysi

8.25 Gardeners' World: in the

7.45 Nigeria: A Squandering of Riches. A World About Us

Rutherford) suspects murder

by a cet, it seems. Directed by George Poliock.

Film Board of Canada short

that was very dangerous to

Marifion and Mariyn, and a new band called The Farm

special filmed in Nigeria only a month before last December's

military coup which toppled the civilian government. Nigerian singer and TV journalist Onyeka Onwenu travels the country, capturing the most in the critical weaks.

its mood in the critical weeks

Starting from Scratch feature, Geoff Hamilton removes

builders' rubble and erects

9.08 MASTE Deep concern in the

40077th when Hawkeye is

sent to the front, and a report

comes through that a doctor has been killed in action.

concentrates tonight on plastic

(humiliated in the Second Test) face New Zealand again.

Talking pictures (Weston film-

Yourself.

11.00 History Trail (living in

London; 11.22 Religious and Moral Education; 11.44 Going to work (hairdressing); 12.05 Making the Most of the Micro;

6.05 Open University (until 8.10).

9.08 Daytime on Two: education

 A FINE ROMANCE, Bob Larbey's long-running comedy series about two lovers who cannot make up their minds whether to pool their futures or whether to settle for the on-off relationship they have enjoyed since the series began, ends next Friday night. shall miss it. But, in view of what happens in the closing seconds of nany case, there is a limit to the number of respectable variations that can be played on a given theme without the risk of repetition creeping in, and that was a danger that was beginning to manifest itself in A Fine Romance. Judi Dench and Michael Williams have been supplied with situations that have permitted them to show how two performances can totally

CHANNEL 4

5.00 The Munsters: Hermann /Frad

Gwynne), having made a sensational hit during a

created the Frankenstein

Monster (on which Herm

5.30 The Tube: Pop music show Tonight's edition features the talents of Slouxie and the

Munster was based) in 1931.

Twins and Kool and the Gang,

Jointly presented by Jools Holland and Leslie Ash.

7.00 Channel Four News: Follower

7.30 Right to Reply: Channel Four

programmes. Tonight's

part series Heart of the

8.00 A Week in Politics: A day in

union ban at GCHQ,

8.40 What the Papers Say: Oliver

viewers a say what they feel about the station's

discussion centres on the 12-

Dragon (screened on Monday

the life of an Alliance MP; and

Pritchett, of the Sunday Telegraph, examines the way

launderetta is temporariy closed. Jude (Rachael Weaver

and Mo (Amenda Symonds) take in Bill's and Richard's

to reveal themselves.

9.30 Whoops Apocalpyse:Sbth and final episode of this black comedy which explains the reasons for the world's boing

washing, and the beginnings of a profitable business begin

plunged into nuclear conflict.

reaches its final resting place

Tonight, the Quark bomb

a crematorium furnace in

a Boston bar. Coach (Nich

Colosanto) volunteers his name when a friend of Sam's

says he needs a manager for

mental health with and without

the assistance of the medical

profession. Tonight is all this

women? The bodybuilder Zoe

exercise business good for

11.15 Film: And Then There Were None (1945\*). Agatha Christie

nurder yern, directed by

famous French film make

Rene Clair, but made in

Hollywood, Based on the

tthe title was changed for

obvious reasons). It is the

murders on a lonely island

when quests are invited to a

house party. The cast include Walter Huston, Barry

June Duprez, C. Aubrey Smith and Roland Young. Re-made (badly) in 1974, with Oliver

Reed in the cast. Ends at 1.05

Fitzgerald, Louis Hayward,

story of a sequence of

tage play Ten Little Niggers

10.00 Cheers: Comedy series, set is

his little league team.

10.30 Well Being: How we can all

improve our physical and

israel (r)

that different papers have

handled the same story.

9.00 Dream Stuffing: The

the implications of the trade

by weather forecast.

baseball try-out, is given the

chance to try the real thing. Much water has flowed under the bridge since Karloff

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integrate with each other when someone comes up with exactly the right kind of dialogue. It was a lesson that the Hepburn-Tracy movies taught, years ago, but only a few writers have taken the trouble to learn it. Bob Larbey is one of them. Although next week sees the

dissolution of the Dench-Wi partnership as forged in A Fine Romance, the two actors can still be enjoyed, albeit in independent capacities. Miss Dench begins reading Kelth Waterhouse's Mrs Pooter's Diary in Woman's Hour next Monday afternoon, while on Monday night, in a Book at Bedtime, Mr Williams reads the first of 15 instalments of Alain-Fournier's book The Lost Domai

Radio 4

6.30 Today, Including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Prayer. 6.55, 7.55 Weather, 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.50 Your Letter. 8.57 Weather; Travel.

9.05 Desert Island Discs. The American actor Stubby Kaye (r). 9.45 Feedback.

10.00 News: Science New.

6.00 News Briefing: Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Shipping Forecast.

(Radio 3, 7.50pm), are a total delight. Benson, who wrote the words of Land of Hope and Glory. was not only Master of Magdalen College, Cambridge, but also master of the acid reproach. He thought the choirmaster at Magdalene looked like a "dissenting grocer", and watched the audience at a Henry Wood

Radio highlights: Paul Brooke's readings from the disries (180 volumes of them) of A C Benson

concert as they applauded and encored "in all the wrong places" There were, he reports, "a good many vituosos in the gallery - but no smart people, of course." The natural wonders of England, in the early years of the present century, found Benson in gentler and more lyrical mood. Here, again, Mr Brooke is equal to the occasion in

links with their homeland. Mike

Journalism at the Polytechnic of Central London chairs a discussion with a group of Caribbeans. He is joined by, Canobeans. He is joreen oy, among others, Darcus Howe, editor of Race Today, and Colin Carter, Secretary General of the United Kingdom Caribbean Chamber of Commerce.

4.40 Story Time: Atlantic City Proof by Christopher Cook Gilmore (5).

5.00 PM. News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast, 5.55 Weather; Programme News. 6.60 The Sox O'Clock News; Financial

ival, and the Royal Co production of Tom and Viv, by Michael Hastings. 10.15 A Book at Bedtane: "Fire Falcon" by Duff Hart-Davis (last of ten). Basel by Bud Vounce.

10.30 The World Tonight, including Financial World Tonight.

11.15 Week Ending. A satisfied review of the week's news.

11.45 Today in Parliament. 12.00 News, 12.10 Weather, 12.15-Close, Shipping Forecast.

ENGLAND VHF as above except 6.25-6.30 Weather; Travel. 10.45-12.00 For Schools. 1.55-2.00 Listening Corner, 5.50-5.55pm (continued). 11.00-12.00 Strain

(continued). 11.00-12.00 Study or 4: 11.00 [Digame! 11.30 Get by in fallen. 12.30-1.10am Schools

Night-Time Broadcasting: 12.30 Voix de France, 12.50 20: Les

6.30 Going Places. The world of transport and travel.

10.45 Daily Service. 11.00 News; Travel; You the Jury. The Alimony Trap. The motion is: Maintenance payments to ex-wives should be abolished excep 7.20 Pick of the Week, Programme nightights with Margarathoward.

18.10 Profile. A personal portrait.

18.30 Any Questions? from New Milton,
Hampshira. With Ken
Livingstone, Lady Gardner,
Graham Dowson, and Rowanne wives should be aboushed except where necessary for the support of children. The motion is proposed by Dr Dick Altan and opposed by Wandy Mantle. The chairman is Geoffrey Robertson

11.48 Natural Selection. The alarm calls

12.00 News: You and Yours. 12.27 Funny peculiar. With Gyles Brandreth in the chair, Today's panel of investigators: Roy Kinnear, June Whitfield and Brian Johnston, The guests; Valarie Singleton, Christopher Biggins and David Hamilton (r). †

12.55 Weather; Programme News. 1.00 The World at One; News. 1.40 The Archers, 1.55 Shipping

2.00 News: Woman's Hour from Manchester, Includes a report on s home-from-home holiday fostering scheme for handcapped children; and the reminiscences of Ruby Peaks, apprentice haldresser to the

3.00 News; The Fountain Overflow by Rebecca West, dra radio in three parts (2) (r). News; Just After Four. Refreshment in Rochdale. With Jeff Nuttall.

4.10 Caribbean Links. In the last of six programmes, Carabbeans in Britain talk about their continuing

HTTV As London except 12.30 pm-1.00 Better Read. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00 Film: Lost in the Desert Obride Hayee). 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Joanie Loves Cha

6.00 News. 6.30-7.00 Problems. 10. Good Neighbour Show. 11.00 Film: Gentlemen Prefer Blondes (Jane Russell). 12.40 am Closdown.

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About Wales. 6.00 pm-7.00 Wales at Six. 10.30-11.00 in a Chord.

BBC1 Wales: 12.57-1.00pm News of Wales. 3.53-3.33 News of REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS Wales, 3.53-3.33 News of Wales, 5.55 (Part of Strty Minutes) Wales Today, 10.15-10.50 Week in Week Out. 11.15-11.30 Sportfolio. 11.30-11.31 News. 11.31-1.15am Film: Ten Days' Wonder (1971) (Orson Weiler Anthony Perkins), Scotland: 12.55-1.00pm News. 5.55 (Part of Sixty Minutes). 9.25-10.90 Friday Night with Dougle Donnelly. 10.00-10.27 Agends. 10.27-10.30 News. 10.30-11.50 Beachgrove Garden Spring Special. Northern Ireland: 12.57-1.00pm News. 3.53-3.55 News. 5.55 (Part of Sixty Minutes) Scene Arcund Six. 10.15-10.4 Spotlark: 10.45-10.50 News. 1.15-GRAMPIAN As London except 9.25am-9.30 First Thing. 12.30pm-1.00 Better Res nning. Tz.supm-1.00 Better Head. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00 Strange but True. 2.30 Falcon Crest. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Harlem Globetrotters. 6.00-7.90 North Tonight. 10.30 Crossfire. 11.00 Film: Honeymoon (Jean-Louis 1.00 Film: Honeymoon (Jean-Louis rintignant). 12.35am News.

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12.30pm-1.00 Bette Minutes) Scene Would St. 14, 15-104s Spotlight, 10,45-10,50 News, 11,15-12,00am Ameteur Boxing, 12,00-12,50 Roy at Midnight, 12,50 News, Englands S.55 (Part of Sixty Minutes), 10,15 East Weekand, Midlands - Midlands Tonight, 2.00-3.30 Flum Happy is the Bride (lan Carmichael), 5.15-5.45 Silver Spoons. 6.00 News, 5.02 Zodiac Game, 6.30 Northern Life, 7.00 A-Team, 8.00-8.30 That's My Boy. 10.32 Film: Flend Without a Face, 11.55 Portreit of a Worth - Northern Lights. North East -Coast to Coast. North West - The Great Eric Ackroyd Disaster. South - Southern Life: A Village on Camera. South West -Country Scene. West (Bristol) - The Legend. 12.25am Three's Company, Closedown

TSW As Landon except: 12.30pm 1.00 Better Read. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00-3.30 Film: In Name Only. (Michael Callan). 5.15-5.45 Emmerda What's Ahead. 10.34 Shelley, 11.00 Film: Screamer. 12.20am Postscript. Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 9.25 em-9.30 Day Ahead. 11.39-12.00 Pieces of Eight. 12.30 pm-1.00 Better Read. 1.20-1.30 Lunchtime, 2.00 Film: A Cuckoo in the Nest Community Wals). 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors, 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00 Good Evening Uster, 6.45-7.00 Advice, 10.30 Witness, 10.35 Sportness\* 41-20 March 188-18 10.35 Sportscast. 11.20 Magnum. 12.15 am Naws, Closedown. 6.25 Cricket: First day of the Third Test: 6.55 Weather, 7.00 News, 7.05 Merting Concert: part one. Prokofiev's suits Love of Three Oranges: Dvorak's Polonaise for cello and piano (Sadlo/Holocek); Dubois's Concerto for sexophone and strings (Rousseau is soloist); Schubert Grand Rondo in A. D 951 (Emili and Elena Gilets, piano duet). †

Radio 3

8.05 Morning Concert: part two Verdi's overture I vespri siciliani Mozari's Chilo mi scorol di te (Ameling/Beldwin); Ravei's Sonatine (Argelich, piano); and Totolicovsky's overture 1812.†

9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Bartok.
Kornel Zempleri (piano) plays the
Six Dances in Bulgarian Rhytim.
Also the String Quartet No 5, and 10.00 E Wolfgang Manz (plano) plays Beethoven's Sonete in E flat, Op 81e (Les Adeux), and Schumann's Carnaval, Op 9.1 10.50 Uster Orchestra: Grieg's Lyric Suite, and Svendsen's Symph No

11.45 English Songs: Gerald English (tenor), with John Constable (plano) perform Finzi's song-cycle O Fair to saer, Rooper's Four poems of Laurence Lerne and Seiber's song-cycle To

Postry.†
12.30 Midday Concart: BBC Phil Orch,
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Part one. Bax's symphonic poem
Tintagel; and Mozar's Horn Conc
No 2: 1.00 News.

1.65 Six Continents: foreign radio
proadcasts, monitored by the

1.20 Micday Concert: part two. Strauss's symphonic fantasy Aus

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2.65 Haydn and Beethoven: Recital by Parkian/Fleming/Roberts Trio. Haydn's Piano Trio in G mejor. H XV 25; Beethoven's Piano Trio in B flat major. Op 97.1

3.65 Symphonies by Martinu and Schubert Czech Phil play Martinu's Symph No 2; Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fleids play Schubert's Symph No 2;

4.00 Choral Evenson; from Lincoln

9.15 Letter from America by Alistain Cooks.

9.30 Angus McDermid in the BBC Sound Archives. 4.00 Choral Evensong: from Lincoln Cathedral 1 4.55 News. 9.45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine.

Cathedral. 1 4.55 News.
5.89 Mainly for Pleasure: another of David Hout's selections. 1
6.25 Music for Guitar: Vladimir Mikulka plays works by Franz Xaver Dusek (arr Mikulka), Kozekuh, Stepan Rak, Nikita Koshkin (first broadcast of his Clock Music). 1
7.00 Elgar: Andrew Watkinson (Volin) with an Brown Inlanch play the Presented by Michael Billington. Includes the Golden Nymph Awards at the Monte Carlo

with Ian Brown (plane) play the Violin Sonata in Eminor, Op 82.1

7.30 Pritchard conducts Stravinsky and Brahms: Part one. The BBC SO and Chorus, with Felicity Lott (soprano) and Benjamin Luxon (barthone). Stravinsky's Symphony of Psalms.†
7.50 A Day in the Life of . . . A C. Benson. The reader is Paul Brooke. Second of four

programmes.

Pritchard conducts Stravinsky and Brahms: Part two. Brahm's En deutsches Requiem.† 9.35 Private Games; Professor Lewis Wolpert Interviews Christopher Zeeman, Professor of Mathematics at the University of

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SCOTTISH: As London except 12.30pm-1.00 Setter Read. 1.20 News. 2.00-4.00 Film: Tunes

6.00-7.00 Hear Here, 10.35 Ways and Means, 11.00 Late Call, 11.05 Sweene 12.05am Closedown.

TVS As London except: 9.25 am-9.30 Farming Brief. 12.30 pm-1.00 Better Read. 1.20 News. 1.30 Afternoon Club. 1.35 About Britain 2.05 Old Wives' Remedies. 2.10 Film: Up the Creek (David Tornlinson). 3.45 Sportsbreak. 3.50-4.00 A-Z. 5.15-5.45 That's My Boy.

6.00 Coest to Coest 5.30-7.00 Friday Sportshow, 10.30 Shelley, 11.00 Showcase, 11.15 Film: Every Home Should Have One (Penelope Kelth), 1.00

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performances by Jeremy Bartow (flute), Marilyn Sansom (cello) and Michael Steer (harpsichord).† 10.40 Niels Viggo Benizon: Phil Jerikins plays the Sonate No 2, Op 42, 1946; and Harado Seeverud's Street of Street and Seeverud's Statter og Stev fra Siljustol, Book 1, Op 22.1

10.05 Baroque Flute Sonatas:

11.15 News, Until 11.18.

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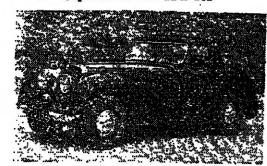
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## End of the road for cars sporting a Triumph badge

Plans by British Leyland to drop the Triumph label, prob-ably this summer, will mark the end of a long line of bicycles, motor cycles and cars aring the distinctive red and badge (David Cross

The last model to carry the Triumph name, the successful Acclaim, is expected to be replaced by a revamped version with a Rover badge produced at Longbridge. Like the Hondabased Acclaim the new 1.3 and 1.6 litre models will be based on a Japanese design inveiled at the Tokyo motor show last

The Triumph company, bestknown for motor cycles and sports cars, started life exactly 100 years ago when a German, Herr Siegfried Dettmann, arrived in London to work for the Kelly Road directory firm. But, taking advantage of the bicycle boom sweeping Europe, he exported bicycles manufactured in Birmingham under his own

When it became clear that Detimann was not a catchy name in Britain or on the continent he changed it to Triumph to make it more easily by non-German

In 1887, he was joined by Herr Mauritz Schulte, a German engineer, and in 1888 they moved to Coventry, then the centre of the cycle industry, to set up their own manufacturing plant,

The two Germans first fitted an engine into a Triamph bicycle in 1902 and quickly built up an international reputation for motor cycle engineering, which continued until the demise of the Triumph motor cycle cooperative at Meriden last year.

The original company moved from the production of two to four-wheeled vehicles in 1923 with the building of a solid modern family sedan of American inspiration. In the late 1920s it tried to

enter the mass-produced economy car market with a Triumph Super Seven model, but it lacked the financial resources of the bigger manufacturers like Morris, Austin, Standard and Singer.

Despite financial problems which culminated in its liqui-

dation in 1939, the company introduced several British enering innovations pic ing hydraulic brakes in 1925 and the factory-fitted windscreen washers in 1935.

the motor company, which had separated from the motor cycle division in 1936, was taken over by the Standard company which made Ferguson tractors licence. Standard-Triumph produced medium and small family saloons, the best-known of which was the

Mayflower. But it was not until the early 1950s, when it entered the sports car market with a long line of successful sports cars beginning with the TR2 that its reputation became truly inter-

Financial problems dogged the company, in spite of the successful introduction of the Triumph Herald in 1959. It was taken over by Leyland Motors in 1961, the first car company to be acquired by the truck and bus firm. The new management introduced range of Triumph' models, including the Spitfire sports car in 1962, the 2000 saloon in 1963 and the Dolomite in 1972. But these have been replaced with models under the betterknown and more successful iges of Austin and Rover.

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Gloria 2-litre 1935 £340



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# British civilians begin

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Mr Nabih Berri, the Shia Muslim Amal militia leader, ordered gunmen off the streets of West Beirut and, however temporarily, did bring a considerable measure of order to the Muslim sector of the city during the day.

yesterday's stagnant political crisis was a demand that the Lebanese National Covenant should be changed to give the President only a two year term of office, a system that would ensure the departure of Mr Gemayel in only seven month's

since the civil war began, perhaps because he has nothing chartered Middle East

Airlines jet did manage to fly in to Beirut airport yesterday to collect a sick woman, and militia men around the terminal permitted the aircraft to land. American F-14 jets flew level with the aircraft sometimes 15ft from its wing tips, over the

About 50 journalists were also on the aircraft. Asked who controlled the airport when he arrived, an American passenger replied: "I saw some people in uniforms but there were a lot of

Robert Fisk in Beirut

## Law and order, Ruritania style

Law and order came to West Beirut yesterday, courtesy of Mr Nabih Berri and his Shia Muslim militia. The police were ordered back on to the streets, and the gunmen were instructed to return to the front line.

When one recalcitrant militiaman chose to walk down Corniche Mazraa with his automatic rifle, he was promptly shot, "executed in the field", as one local newspaper put it in courtly fashion, for carrying a weapon in a public place.

If President Gemayel had used such methods to keep the law in West Beirut one could imagine the reaction. But things are a little different these days.

Even the Squad 16 Lebanese Internal Security Force was told by the militias to patrol the west of the city. And, sure enough, there they were yesterday, back in their familiar red berets and khaki uniforms with the Arabic numerals in gold on the cap badges, driving through the streets in their old grey Land-Rovers.

The shops reopened along Hamra Street, even the gro-tesquely expensive ladies' dress shops with last year's plunging necklines, which is not quite what the Islamic revolution is supposed to be about Bar-owners were quietly told that Wednesday's drink-smashing session by Shia gunmen was an unfortu-nate excess that would not be repeated.

Fruit-sellers lounged on the kerbside and, during the sunny, dog-day afternoon, quite incredibly, a Middle East Airlines jet floated low over the roofs of the city and touched down at Beirut airport, courtesy once more of Mr Berri and his militias, right beside the astonished US Marine contingent of the nowdefunct multinational force,

But, of course, things were not quite as they seemed in Mr Berri's little Ruritania. The policemen, for instance, were real policemem but they were all unshaven. The reason was simple: when they are not policemen they are members of the Shia Amal militia, and no self-respecting gunman in shave in the morning. A few have even sewn a small and

badge on to their gendament

Nor were the shopkeeper quite as confident as the looked. The petrol states owner down the Corniche fingering ammunition into brand-new submachine an when I called for petrol dir the afternoon.

"If those Phalangists try in come here there's going to be massacre", he said "No way are we going to let Gemayel get West Beirut back. The only soldiers we want are the one who have come over to us."

He was a peaceful enough man, waving cheerfully to an Army deserter in a Marine uniform with an Islamic green scarf round his forehead inspecting the shrapped gash in the bonnet of The Time; faithful automobile with intutting sympathy.

But then he added, in his best American: "Man, if the Phalange try to come in berg you'd better keep your bead in the sand," The Americans proved

be those most affected by the sudden shift in their status here. Yesterday morning, for instance, Marine guards outside British Embassy, wh American diplomats based, cheerfully permined Druze militiamen Soviet-made AK47 rifles wander inside the compound security zone. They talking together like friends.

But journalists brandishing American passports turned up to visit their own Embassy personnel, the Marines south ordered them to leave.

Asked why American re-porters and photographers could not visit their Embassy compound when gummen and Army mutineers were clanking into it, Mr John Stewart, the Embassy's bespectacled press officer, uttered what might turn out to be one of the more memorable statements of President Reagan's débacle in Lebanon: "It's not because un your camera is dangerous", he said. "It's because some people might consider the results - the reactions to the photographs - might be dangerous or damaging to foreign policy, or something like that."

## Others 'may bid for Scots yard'

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Scott Lithgow to get into the long-term business of manufacturing oil exploration and production systems, and we need the space and the work force". Trafalgar House added. A key part of Trafaigar's recent acquisitions in the oil

and North Sea industry with the chairman, Mr Nigel Broackes's knack of buying undervalued assets - was the purchase from British Steel in 1982 of the Redpath Dorman Long steel fabricator, which it intergrated with the Cleveland engineering activity. The two operations employ about 7.000 on Teesside and build large steel rig components.

Trafalgr said: "We have invested in RDL and it now

sell any of the business or asset strip it in any way. We are interested in a permanent Scott Lithgow and in keeping it British."

Cunard, the Trafalgar subsidiary, has also been having discussions recently with British Shipbuilders' Swan Hunter yard over delays in the building of the £40m replacement for the Atlantic Conveyor, the container ship sunk in the Falklands war. British Shipbuilders faces huge penalty payments if the ship is late, but Trafalgar said last night that that had played no part in the Scott Lithgow negotiations.

Howard Doris, the Anglo-French rig builder based on Loch Kishorn on the Scottish west coast, had seen itself as a employs more people than front runner in the race to when we took over. We did not acquire Scott Lithgow and appeared to be surprised by Trafalgar's announcement on The 2,000 workers who walked out of Scott Lithgow

Spitfire 1962 £662

yesterday were joined later by white-collar staff in what is believed will be a 24-hour The workforce was angry that the deal was being "rushed through" without consultation

and with the prospect of 2,750 out of 3,500 employees losing their jobs. The next move will be decided at a mass meeting today where there will be calls for occupation of the yard if the Trafalgar purchase is allowed to

Union leaders are demanding talks with Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland.

stand.

### **Budget priority** for personal tax relief

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Continued from page 1 Abolition of or a cut in the

national insurance surcharge to help industry seemed less likely. With Mr Lawson's broad strategy of steady growth com-bined with low inflation and effective control of Government borrowing there was no argu-

The so-called "wets" such as Mr Peter Walker, and Mr James Prior believe that things are going much more their way. Indeed so bland were the proceedings that a Cabinet source was said to have found the meeting boring. Mr Lawson did not commit

himself to any specific measures but will not have been unhappy with the outcome.

### to leave Beirut chaos has said absolutely nothing

His own contribution to

But Mr Berri is riding a tiger, desperately trying to control his guys in leather jackets stamping own militias, and Mr Gemayel passportts."

Beirut would ever have a clean discreet green and red Amal

Marines talk to gunmen, it seems, but not on camera.

### Today's events

Royal engagements The Duke of Edinburgh visits ERA Technology Ltd. Leatherhead,

Surrey, 11.
Princess Alexandra attends the "Kids 'n Cops" Charity Concert, in aid of the Townmead Youth Club. Fulham Old Town Hall, SW6, 7.20.

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Paintings by Brünhilde Grasser;
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### Food prices

Gifts from Glasgow and Greeof University of Strathclyde, and the McLean Museum and Art Gallery, Greenock, Collins Gallery, Univer-sity of Strathclyde, Richmond sity of Strathclyde, Richmond Street, Glasgow; Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 12 to 4 (until Feb 29). Drawings by George Fullard; Maclaurin Art Gallery, Rozelle

Park, Ayr; Mon to Sat 11 to 5 (until Feb 18). Image, an exhibition about painting; Laing Art Gallery, New-castle upon Type; mon to Fri 10 to

5.30, Sat 10 to 4.30, Sun 2.30 to 5.30 (until March 4). Seventy-fifth annual Arts Club exhibition; The Manor House Castle Yard, fikley; Tues to Sun 10

to 5 (until Feb 26). The Nature of Painting (1): Light, an exhibition exploring the painter's use of light, rhythm and imagery; plus recent works by Rama Jana and Michael Whitehead; Museum and Art Gallery, Le Mans Crescent, Bolton; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5.30, Sat 10 to 5. closed Wed and Sun (until March 2). March 3).

Paintings, drawings and sculpture by Leonard McComb, Gallery of Modern Art, 81 Princess Street, Manchester, Mon to Sat 10 to 6 Manchester, M (until March 3),

The other Britain: an exhibition celebrating the twentieth anniver-sary of New Society magazine, Stafford Museum and Art Gallery. The Green, Stafford; Tues to Fri 1 to 5, Sat 1 to 4, closed Sun and Mon (until March 10). 'Autographs' by 43 leading British photographers; opening show of the Cambridge Darkroom Gallery, Dales Brewery, Gwydir Street, Cambridge; Tues to Sat 12 to 8, Sun 12 to 6, closed Mon; (until Feb 12).

Talks, lectures Orwell's 1984: Satire or proc by Bernard Crick: Conference Room, L G Harris and Company Ltd., Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove, 8.

Concert by the Amsterdam Locki Stardust Quartet, Harrison House, Harrison Road, Halifax, 7.30. Viennese evening with the Bournemouth Symphony Orches-tra, Wyvern Theatre, Swindon, 7.30. Concert by the Northern Sinfo-nia, Polam Hall, Darlington, 7.30. Kent College concert, Canterbury Cathedral, 7.30.

### Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Private Member's motion on future provision of welfare services and benefits.

Lords (11): Motion on report by Chairman of Advisory Council for Applied Research and Advisory Board for Research Councils.

### Anniversaries

Births: Charles Lamb, London, 1775: Samuel Plimsoll, shipping reformer, Bristol, 1824; Borls Pasternak, poet and Pasternak, poet and novelist Doctor Zhivago), Moscow, 1890, Deaths: Aleksandr Pashkin, St Petersburg (Leningrad). 1837; David Thompson, explorer and geographer. Longcuil. Montreal, 1857; Sir David Brewster, physicist, Allerby, Melrose, 1868; Joseph, 1st Baron Lister, surgeon and pioneer of antisepsis, Walmer, Kent, 1912; Wilhelm Conrad Röntgea, discoverer of X-rays, Nobel laureate 1901, Munich, 1923. Petersburg (Leningrad), 1837; David

A476: Koadworks at riymouin Street, Merthyr Tydfil, and at Edwardsville, Mid Glamorgan; temporary traffic signals, A30: Resurfacing work on westbound carriageway, Cambourne bypass.

lane closures. North: Liverpool: Queensway Tunnel closed nightly, all traffic is

being diverted via the Liverpool to Wallasey tunnel, between 9.15 pm and 5.45 am. A19/A1046: Recon-struction work at Portrack roundabout, north of river Tees. A6: Waterboard work at Slyne Road, Lancaster, single lane traffic with traffic lights.

geway reduced to single lane, no right turn westbound into Riverside approach. A85: Sewer work at Invergowrie; single lane traffic with traffic lights. A82: Landslide repairs at Spean Bridge, Inverness-shire; single lane traffic with traffic signals.

### The papers

ships offshore was the only common sense alternative after a diplo sense autrinative after a inprometic policy failure, major American newspapers said yesterday, but some papers sharply criticized the administration's overall handling of

challenge forces relying on the United States can fail to take the

wrong to regard the failed US peace effort as a disaster for US policy elsewhere in the middle east.

"The United States needs undramatic steadiness in the Middle East. That is what has been missing," the paper concluded.

Top box office films in London:
1 (-) Scarface
2 (1) Sudden Impact
3 (2) Gorky Park
4 (3) Trading Places
5 (4) The Honorary Consul
6 (5) Never Say Never Again
7 (-) Lianne
8 (9) La Traviate
9 (8) Sahara
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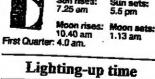
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E, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth: Mostly dry, sunny or clear periods, fog patches developing later; wind mainly SW, light or moderate; max temp 8 to 10C (46 to 50F). 50F).
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50F).
NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Bright at times, some hill fog and drtzzle, wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 8 to 10C (46 to 50F).
Outbook for tomorrow and Sunday: Mostly dry, some overnight fog patches and frost.

Sea Passages: S North Sea, Straits of Dover: Wind N. Right; sea smooth. English Channel (E): Wind variable, light; sea smooth. St George's Channel, krish Sea: Wind, SW, moderate; sea stight.



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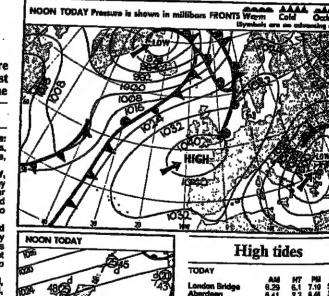
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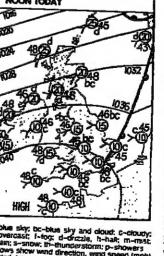
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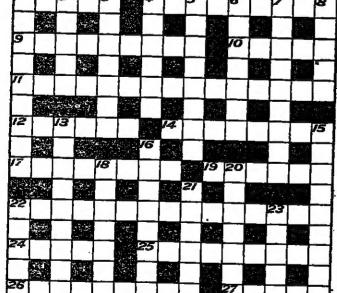
- 1 Staff character keen to practise deception (5). 4 Poliroonery of commander cut
- 10 Medium number (5).
  11 Advocates obtain headquarters intended, say, for a sales area (7,
- Shakespeare? (6). 14 His charges are transferred from bank to bank (8).
- 19 Corkscrew for a batsman, maybe 22 Porter's invitation to start before
- the lay sister? (5, 3, 7). 24 Cook chaff (5). 25 It's a dream! Convert it for the
- 27 Seasons occurring when sun and moon are attractive? (5).
- managers (9). 2 An affair proper for one's selfesteem in Paris? (5).
- certain minstrels? (7). 4 Secret place for girl to weep about (6).

### Palin: Royal Museum, Canterbury, | Exhibitions in progress Mon to Sat 10 to 5 (until Feb 24).

The Magic Country: nineteenth and twentieth century children's illustrated books; Church Farm House Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon, NW1: Mon to Sat 10 to 1, 2 to 5.30, Tues 10 to 1, Sun 2 to 5.30 tuest March 250

Sat 11 to 5, Sun 2 to 6, closed Weds

## The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,351



- **ACROSS**
- 9 Humpback Italian lawyer in arid surroundings (9).
- 12 Poem heard to apostrophize
- 17 Little girl neat and nimble bird
- 26 Standing that may be put to the
- 1 A supporter of courses for team
- 3 Bird like a coot and like

5 Rambler's manner with paying

Fly from one Munich fiasco (9).

8 Rising detergent helps to make

13 Bullet-proof vest for a VIP's

15 Feeble, yet full of confidence (9).

18 Gambler using second joker (7).

20 Part of chapter on a New Testament spectacular? (7).

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from the -" (Tennyson) (5).

23 One laid out describing the deeds of Achilles ? (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,350

21 Pious type formerly supporting

16 Fellows had directions to fish

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Eggs precious, it's said, woodland creature (3-4).

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## TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

fruits are good value, particularly Jaffa Shamoutis from 6 to 18p each, clementines from 28 to 32p a pound, satsumas from 20 to 30p, Jaffa grapefruit from 7 to 16p each and lemons from 5 to 17p each

and lemons from 5 to 12p each.

Vegetable prices are mostly down because of the better weather. Cauliflowers are a particularly good buy at 40 to 50p each. Brussels sprouts from 18 to 26p a pound and leeks from 36 to 42p are also good value, as are root vegetables, including carrots from 15 to 20p, onions from 14 to 18n, swedes from 15 to 18p and turnips from 15 to 20p a pound. Green peppers are better value than red or yellow at 50 to 75p a pound; aubergines are from

Easier conditions at sea have meant a fall in fish prices: cod is down to an average of £1.34 a pound, haddock £1.36, plaice £1.51.

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Germany DM	4.02	3.84
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The lovely pink early forced rhubarb in the shops now at 40 to 50p a pound is ideal for fools, pies and tarts. Marmalade oranges from Spain, down to 25 to 32p a pound, are coming to an end. All citrus

With St Valentine's Day approaching, passion fruit from Kenya at 15 to 20p each are a topical choice. Small pineapples from West Africa are from 55 to 65p each. Strawberries from 35 to 05p each. Strawberries from Carmel, Spain and Kenya are a little cheaper this week at 60 to 85p a punnet. Apples and pears are plentiful: Coxes and Conference are still excellent quality.

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There are several beef bargains on offer: for example, Tesco have forerib of beef for £1.58 a pound and shin for £1.48; Safeway have shin for £1.48; Safeway have silverside, topside and top rump at £1.96 and minute steak at £2.69; and Sainsburys have fresh minoc at 94p a pound. Pork leg joints in Fine Fare are 98p a pound and in Tesco 96p. English lamb prices are high, and New Zealand offers a cheaper alternative: whole shoulder in Dewhurst is from 64 to 89p a pound and whole leg from £1.20 to £1.46.

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Midlands and East Anglia: A49: Roadworks at Marshbrook, between Shrewsbury and Ludlow, single lane traffic, with traffic signals. A45: Roadworks on Cambridge bypass;

Scotland: A85: Bridgeworks on Riverside Drive at Tay Railway Bridge, Dundee; westbound carria-

## Information supplied by the AA.

President Reagan's decision to transfer the US Marines in Beirut to

sombre results in Lebanon into their The paper commented: "It is no the administration's or the country's finest hour". But said it would be

### Top films

1 Sudden impact 2 Gorky Park 3 The Jungle Sook/Mickey's Christmas Carol
4 Trading Places
5 La Traviata

# The Washington Post urged President Reagan to avoid the temptation to take such dramatic action in a bid to salvage prestige. The paper added: "Neither the countries that rely on the United States nor those tempted to challenge forms relying on the

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